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A MILD WINTER.

Nome Dispatch Says Ice Is Breaking
Up All Along the Coast.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, April 14.—A special from
Nome to the Post-Intelligencer states
that the past winter has been unpre-
cedented for mildness and that the ice
is rapidly breaking up all along the
coast. In St. Michael's bay the water is
open and the ice in Norton bay has al-
ready moved north as far as Nome.
Behring straits has been open all winter.

RUSSIAN PRESS CENSORSHIP.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The press
commission has recommended removal
of the censorship from cartoons and the de-
bates of Zemstvo and other legal organiza-
tions.

The Imperial Commons, by a vote of
263 to 104, on Thursday defeated a
motion to establish a Catholic university
in Ireland. There was much cross vot-
ing. The minority included Nationalists
and English Catholics.

WOUNDED RUSSIANS ON HOSPITAL SHIPS

THE OREL CALLED AT SAIGON YESTERDAY

Main Forces of Linevitch's Army Have
Reached Kirin—Japanese in Touch
With Rearguard.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, April 14.—Rear-Admiral Train,
in command of the American fleet in
Asiatic waters, received a telegram at 3
o'clock this afternoon from Saigon, the
capital and principal port of French
Cochin China, reporting the arrival there
of the Russian hospital ship Orel on the
morning of April 13th.

The Orel had many wounded on board.

A dispatch received on Thursday by
the Chicago Daily News, from its cor-
respondent at Saigon, said: "Rojevsky's
hospital ship arrived here on Wed-
nesday night to take on board provisions,
coal and medicines. It will leave Thurs-
day at midday to rejoin the main squad-
ron."

No mention was made of wounded men
aboard this ship.

JAPS DENY REPORT OF NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

Tokio, April 14.—Noun.—The naval de-
partment pronounces the reports of a
naval engagement recently off Saigon to be
unfounded.

SHIP HAS PROBABLY SICK SAILORS ABOARD.

St. Petersburg, April 14, 5.15 p.m.—
The admiralty's advice from Saigon do not
mention any wounded men being on
board the Russian hospital ship Orel,
which arrived to-day. She possibly has
sick sailors aboard.

The admiralty has not received any
dispatches recently from Vice-Admiral
Rojevsky's squadron. The officials say that
all talk of the emergence of any of the in-
terned Russian war vessels to join
Rojevsky's squadron is pure non-
sense. Much satisfaction and animation
is expressed in naval circles at the bold
direct manner in which Rojevsky is
carrying out the objects of his voyage.

TRYING TO CHECK JAPANESE ADVANCE.

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported that the
main force of the Russians, which re-
tired in the direction of Hsinking,
reached Kirin. Their rear guard, which
is estimated at 12,000 men, continues in
the vicinity of Harlungcheng, closely in
touch with the Japanese vanguard.

The main force, which retired from
Kailuan over the Kirin road, is reported
at Kirin with a rear guard of eight thou-
sand men at Itaichow, Hailitschow,
Hakusu and Sulpao, keeping in touch
with the Japanese. Changling is evi-
dently the rallying point of the Changtu
and Pakumen forces.

Although a force, estimated at thirteen
thousand men, has been detailed to oc-
cupy Fenchu, and three thousand men
to hold Pamiencheng, the latter force
seems assigned to check and retard the
Japanese advance.

The Imperial ordinance which declared
Mako harbor, on the Pescadore islands,
in a state of siege, becomes operative to-
day.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING AS THEY RETREAT.

Tokio, April 14, 3 p.m.—The following
announcement was made to-day:
"Our force advancing eastward via
Fushan and Hallung road encountered
and defeated the enemy on the morning
of the 12th at Erhohu, seven miles east
of Yingpan. The full strength was one
regiment of infantry, six squadrons of
cavalry and four guns. Our force then
occupied Tsangshi, about 19 miles west
of Yingpan."

The enemy is retreating toward Hal-
lung, and fought at every step.
The enemy on the Kirin road has gradu-
ally retreated since the 11th, a portion
of this force still remaining to bar the
passage of the Yashu river.

"No change has occurred in the Shan-
tu or Pakumen districts except occasional
cavalry skirmishes."

JAPANESE NOTES AROUSE INTEREST.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Dispatches
from Washington showing that Japan
officially notified the United States when
the rupture with Russia occurred, that
no act of hostility would take place
until notice of war had been made, when
hostilities broke out on February 8th,
and the declaration of war was not
formally made until on February 10th,
attracts much attention. Although the
dispatches arrived too late for news-
paper comment this morning, there is
considerable speculation as to the cause
of the publication of the statement at
this date. It is regarded as a friendly
manifestation towards Russia on the
part of the United States, Russia having
always contended that from the state-
ment of M. Kurino, former Japanese
minister at St. Petersburg, to Foreign
Minister Lamoriniere, when he presented
the note severing diplomatic relations in
which he expressed the hope that the
rupture was only temporary, Russia had
no reason to anticipate an attack with-

out appearing in the shape of a declar-
ation of war.

RAILROAD AND WIRES DESTROYED BY RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—A dispatch
from Gen. Linevitch, dated April 13th,
to Emperor Nicholas, says:
"Our cavalry on April 9th destroyed the
railroad and wires near Yakutu and be-
tween Kailuan and Changtu, and on
April 10th the cavalry cut the telegraph
wires near Kailuan."

RUSSIANS EXPERIMENT WITH SUBMARINE BOATS.

Tokio, April 13.—It is reported here
that the Russians at Vladivostok are
conducting experiments with six sub-
marine vessels, and that these vessels
are all of foreign manufacture—French,
British and American types.

THE TRIAL OF THE DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—There is no
truth in the report from Cracow that
Lieut. General Stoessel had been, as a
formality, condemned to death by the
commission appointed to inquire into the
surrender of Port Arthur. His trial only
began to-day.

POPULATION OF EDMONTON DISTRICT

Catholics Form Only One-Third Accord-
ing to the Last Census Returns
for Dominion.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 14.—As nearly as can
be ascertained by an examination of the
Dominion census of 1901, the population
of present Dominion electoral district of
Edmonton was then 19,831. Of this
number 6,933 are put down as Roman
Catholic and 4,144 are put down as
"Greek church." An examination of the
tables showing the places of origin make
it plain that those placed under the head
of "Greek church" are not Catholic, but
members of the Russo-Greek Orthodox
church, and that the Galician "Catho-
lics," who are of the Greek rite, are pro-
perly included under the head "Roman
Catholic." The Catholic population
must, therefore, be taken as correctly
stated at 6,933, or a little over one-third
of the population, not seventy per cent.
as stated in some newspapers.

Won Prize.

Dr. W. T. Whitley, Baptist minister,
of Preston, England, son of Mr. Thomas
Whitley, and brother of Mr. F. C. Whit-
ley, of the department of agriculture,
has been awarded the \$1,000 prize offer-
ed by Miss Helen Gould for the best
essay on the Roman Catholic and Pro-
testant Bible, compared. There were
250 competitors.

New Bills.

In the House to-day the V. V. & E.
bill was introduced by Duncan Ross and
read a first time. The Kaslo and Lardo-
Duncan bill was also read a first time.

MAXIM GORKY.

Government Likely to Drop Proceedings
Against the Russian Novelist.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 14.—On account
of the condition of his health, and the
fact that the evidence against Maxim
Gorky is not stronger than that against
hundreds of others who have not been
arrested in connection with the distur-
bances at St. Petersburg on January
22nd, it is understood that the govern-
ment had abandoned its intention of
bringing him to trial.

ENDED HER LIFE.

Family Quarrel Led to Woman Commit-
ting Suicide By Eating Poisoned
Wheat.

Spokane, April 13.—Because her hus-
band quarreled with their twenty-four-
year-old son and drove him from the
house, Mrs. Palma Depasquale commit-
ted suicide near Northport by eating
poisoned wheat.

The woman was 57 years old. Since
the quarrel between the male members
of the family she has acted queerly,
and it is believed her reason was de-
stroyed. They lived on Silver Crown mountain,
a few miles from Northport. After Mr.
Depasquale left the house the woman
took down the pail containing poisoned
wheat from its peg on the wall of the
cabin and ate some of the contents. The
grain had been poisoned to kill squirrels.
It was evident from the woman's appear-
ance that she died in terrible agony.
Poisoned wheat was scattered over her
body and about the floor when the suicide
was discovered last evening.

THE CONSPIRACY CASE.

Indictment Against Nan Patterson Dis-
missed.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—The indictment
charging Nan Patterson with conspiracy
with J. Morgan Smith and Mrs. Smith
wrongfully to obtain money from Caesar
Young was dismissed in the court of
general sessions to-day at the request of
Assistant District Attorney Hand-
Counsel for Smith decried to the indictment
against the Smiths and declared that the
facts alleged against them did not con-
stitute a crime. The court reserved deci-
sion in that case.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Caledonia, Ont., April 14.—The seven-
year-old daughter of Chief Simon Bum-
berry, of the Six Nation Indians, was
burned to death on the reserve here yester-
day. Her clothing caught fire from the
burning grass.

HILL SAYS WILL BUILD THIS YEAR

IN SIMILKAMEEN AND THEN ON TO COAST

Great Northern Railway Seeks No Sub-
sidy—Surveyors Are Now in
the Field.

A short time ago the local Board of
Trade placed itself in communication
with J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern
Railway to ascertain exactly what that
company proposed to do with regard to
the Coast-Kootenay railway. A few days
since President S. J. Pitts received the
appearing very interesting and gratifying
telegram from Louis Hill, son of the
magnate, and vice-president of the com-
pany. The message is from Jekyl Is-
land, Georgia, where Mr. Hill and son
are now visiting. It is as follows:

S. J. Pitts, President Victoria Board of
Trade:
Our company is prepared and will com-
mence to build from upper Similkameen
this year and later on to Coast, asking no
subsidy. Similkameen parties can assure
you our interest in matter. Lack of proper
cooperation has lost district and ourselves
much time. Completion depends upon vari-
ous conditions that have already caused
delay.

LOUIS W. HILL.

In this connection the Similkameen
Star, of Princeton, on Saturday last con-
tained the following:

"The Great Northern engineers arrived
in Princeton last Friday and pitched
camp about three miles down the river.
Monday Chief Engineer Kennedy ar-
rived, and Tuesday the surveyors com-
menced on the southeast side of the Sim-
ilkameen river, at Princeton, to locate
the line along the river until they meet
the other party of surveyors working
north from Oroville, Washington."

It is expected that after this survey,
which must be for the right of way, is
completed, the Great Northern will start
building and that its line will reach
Princeton this fall. Chief Engineer Ken-
nedy left for the Boundary country Tues-
day afternoon.

FEAR OUTBREAK IN RUSSIA ON MAY-DAY

CRISIS IN AGITATION NOW SEEMS IMMINENT

Bombs and Arms Smuggled into Coun-
try—Police Active and Prisons
Are Overflowing.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Develop-
ments all point to a crisis in the present
agitation among the workmen of the
cities and the peasants of the country
on May Day, and appeals are pouring in
from all quarters of Russia for military
protection.

The St. Petersburg workmen are pre-
paring for a great demonstration. Arms
and bombs in large quantities have been
smuggled in, and bloodshed on a large
scale is feared. Wealthy persons, who
ordinarily go to villas on the islands of
the Neva, or to neighboring country
places, are this year going abroad.

The government has taken few special
measures to meet the situation, evidently
relying on the troops and police to guard
the capital. The latter are extremely
active. All the prominent agitators are
being arrested, or have already been sent
back to the villages from which they
originally came. The prisons are filled
to overflowing.

There have been disputes between the
workmen and the managers of the Putil-
off, Baltic and Nevski works and between
the employees and the management
of the government cartridge factory. At
the latter place the men refuse to
continue any longer to donate any por-
tion of their pay to assisting in the
support of the families of the soldiers at
the front, claiming that the money is used
to prosecute the war, to which they are
opposed.

The news received from the interior is
alarming, especially from the Baltic
provinces, where the entire population is
in a state of intense excitement. The
cities are being flooded with revolution-
ary proclamations, calling on the people
to rise on May Day. The criminal classes
are taking advantage of the situation to
pillage and plunder, while in the country
the landlords are powerless to cope with
the peasants, and demand the stationing
of troops at every station.

From Dnaburg, government of
Vitebsk, come reports that Jews are in a
state of panic over the circulation of
proclamations similar to those which
preceded the outbreaks at Kishineff and
Gomel.

At Ekaterinburg (South Russia) three
revolutionists who were surrounded by
police fought their way to liberty, killing

or wounding several of the latter.
A dispatch from Caes (Trans-Cau-
casus) states that the employees of the
Trans-Caucasian railroad are on strike,
and that 100 miles of track has been
eliminated.

New Governor's Proclamation.

Tiflis, Caucasus, April 14.—A procla-
mation of Count Von Vorontzoff-Dash-
koff, the new governor of Caucasus,
is gazetted to-day, announcing that in
accordance with the intention of Emperor
Nicholas, the governor-general, when he
assumes office, will convene a conference
of representatives of all the towns, peasant
communities and orthodox Armenian
and Mohammedan churches, with the view
of concerting measures for the establish-
ment of public security, defining the
amendments necessary to the judicial
procedure of the Caucasus and intro-
ducing Zemstvo administration.

The governor-general also proposes to
hasten the surveys of the crown lands
available for cultivation that they may
be allotted to those in need of land. The
proclamation adds that the Emperor has
ordered a revision of the question of the
confiscation of the Armenian church
property, and concludes with urging the
maintenance of tranquillity so that condi-
tions in the Caucasus may be speedily
improved in accordance with the Imperi-
al rescript of March 3rd.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHURCH COMMISSION

Proposes to Restore Large Part of
Property to the United Free
Kirk.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 14.—The report of the
royal commission appointed to inquire
into the Scottish churches dispute, recom-
mends that the Free Church should hand
over to the United Free Church all the
property it cannot itself adequately ad-
minister.

It is admitted that the former can only
utilize a small portion of the churches,
manse and money handed over by the
recent decision of the courts.
The recommendation, if accepted by
the government, will mean the restoration
of a large part of the property to the
United Free Church. Legislation
will be necessary to give effect to the
recommendation, but little, if any, op-
position is expected to it.

THE VIRGINIAN.

More than 1,400 Passengers Arrived on
the New Turbine Steamer.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, N.S., April 14.—Allan line tur-
bine steamer Virginia arrived here this
morning from Moville, covering the dis-
tance in six days and eighteen hours,
which is the best ever made to this port
by mail steamers. There were over 1,400
passengers on board.

NEGROES EXECUTED.

The Crimes for Which Two Men Were
Hanged.

(Associated Press.)

Patterson, N. J., April 14.—Two negroes,
Arthur Lester and John Miller, were hanged
here to-day at the county jail.
Lester in the fall shot Max Wellenberg
while attempting to escape after being de-
tected in the act of robbing Wellenberg's
store in this city. He was captured after a
long and exciting chase, in which many
shots were fired. Last Sunday night after
the death watch had been placed before his
cell Lester made a sensational attempt to
escape. Securing permission to leave his
cell for a moment, he savagely attacked
the two guards, knocked one of them down,
seized his revolver and shot both officers.
He then made a desperate struggle to get
possession of the keys, but the other guards
arriving Lester was overpowered and re-
turned to his cell.

Miller was convicted of the murder of
Mrs. Celine Stewart, a colored resident of
Midvale, on the night of September 30th
last. He entered the woman's house and
after an attempted assault cut his victim
almost to pieces with a razor.

SWEEP BY FIRE.

Thirty-Five Buildings in the Business Por-
tion of Springvale, Maine, Destroyed
—Loss, \$300,000.

(Associated Press.)

Springvale, Maine, April 14.—The greater
portion of the business part of Springvale,
together with many dwellings, was destr-
oyed by fire to-day, entailing a loss estimated
at about \$300,000. In all thirty-five build-
ings were burned, among them being the
O'Donnell block, Western Union telegraph
office, New England telephone exchange,
Tibbet's hotel, the Masonic block, contain-
ing dry goods stores and restaurant, Fol-
com Bros' general store, and the drug
store of Wm. H. Wood and C. H. Little.
The town hall was saved in a damaged con-
dition, as were all the churches.

NEW YORK BLAZE.

New York, April 14.—About \$100,000 loss
was caused by a fire early to-day which de-
stroyed a six-story building on Hester
street, in the heart of the Hebrew settle-
ment on the lower east side. Only the
front walls were left standing.

TWO WOMEN KILLED.

Stranger Fired Into House in Which There
Were Forty Persons.

(Associated Press.)

Atlantic, Ga., April 14.—A special to the
Constitution from Athens, Ga., says that
at a frolic a few miles from the country at
a neighbor's house, whose name is unknown,
a stranger fired a revolver into the house
where there were forty persons, killing two
women, and made his escape.

THE APPEAL CASE IN FULL COURT

E. P. DAVIS, K. C., HAS FINISHED ADDRESS

Interesting Proceedings in Californi
With Respect to the Late Alex.
Dunsmuir's Estate.

In the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir appeal,
which is being argued in the Full court,
the address of E. P. Davis, K. C., for
the defendant, was completed this fore-
noon. He devoted the most of the fore-
noon to clearing up a number of points
which had remained outside of the gen-
eral address. He took occasion to show
that on points where James Dunsmuir
was charged in the addresses of opposi-
tion counsel with misrepresenting the
true conditions, no such construction
should have been placed. There was
nothing to show that the will of 1868
was drawn up in order to hoodwink Mrs.
Joan Dunsmuir, who was opposed to the
marriage of Alex. Dunsmuir to Mrs.
Watkins. On the contrary, everything
showed that there was an understanding
between the brothers that in case either
one died the property was to go to the
survivor. It was but a natural thing
for Jas. Dunsmuir to hide from his
mother the arrangement by which Mrs.
Alex. Dunsmuir was to get an allow-
ance.

A. P. Luxton, K. C., also for the de-
fendant, will follow with his address, be-
ginning this afternoon.

A dispatch from San Francisco, dated
April 13th, gives an interesting account
of the proceedings in connection with the
rumored attempt at removing securities
from San Francisco. The dispatch says:
"Letters of administration of any and
all of the estate of Alexander Dunsmuir,
which may be in the jurisdiction of Cali-
fornia courts, were granted to-day to
Public Administrator Hynes."

"Quick action on the part of Mr.
Hynes in securing letters of administra-
tion will, it is believed, result in prevent-
ing Mr. James Dunsmuir, of Victoria,
from whisking \$6,000,000 worth of
railroad securities out of the state."

"Yesterday afternoon there was im-
parted to Judge Coffey the sensational
information that these securities had
never been mentioned in the inventory
filed in connection with the estate of the
late Alexander Dunsmuir."

"It is further stated to the court that
these securities were at present in San
Francisco, and that they were to be
rushed out of the state within twenty-
four hours."

"In view of this information, Judge
Coffey granted the application of the
public administrator to take charge of
the estate. According to information re-
ceived by Thomas W. Hickey, attorney
for the public administrator, the \$6-
000,000 worth of stock has been in pos-
session of Horace G. Platt, legal repre-
sentative of the Canadian Bank of Com-
merce in this city. It was pointed out
to Judge Coffey that if immediate action
were taken it would be possible to
obtain possession of the securities."

"It is alleged here that Mr. James
Dunsmuir has been too late in moving to
take the securities out of the jurisdiction
of the California courts. It is expected
that the public administrator will secure
possession of the stock with little diffi-
culty."

"Charles S. Wheeler, local representa-
tive of Mr. James Dunsmuir, made a
strenuous attempt to prevent the issue-
ance of the letters of administration, but
he failed to satisfy the court that they
should not be granted."

"The stock is said to represent the
quarter interest of the late Alexander
Dunsmuir in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo
railway, on Vancouver Island."

EXPLOSION ON YACHT.

(Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., April 14.—The starboard
engine on the President's yacht Sylph,
has exploded, seriously scalding two
members of the crew.

Admiral Harrington, commanding the
Norfolk navy yard, has ordered a naval
tug to proceed at once to tow the yacht
to Norfolk.
The Sylph was at the time of the ac-
cident on her way to her regular station
at Washington from Florida waters,
where she recently had aboard Mrs.
Roosevelt and her children. Mrs. Roo-
svelt and party, however, left the Sylph
at Jacksonville some days ago.

BOILER NEARLY EMPTY.

Explosion in the Toronto Customs House
Narrowly Averted.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, April 14.—The Toronto cus-
toms house had a narrow escape from
being blown up this morning. Shortly
after the clerks assembled the building
began to fill with smoke and steam. An
expert was called in who discovered the
boiler almost empty, and a violent ex-
plosion imminent. Prompt measures,
however, averted danger.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

Crew of the Norwegian Barque Landed
at Lowestoft.

(Associated Press.)

Lowestoft, Eng., April 14.—The crew of
the Norwegian barque Tancred, from
Goole, for Gaspe, Que., were landed here
to-day. The Tancred was sunk in a col-
lision on April 13th with the steam tug
trawler Oetrich, which reached Grimby
yesterday considerably damaged. The
Tancred was a wooden vessel of 471
tons gross.



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MAN MURDERED WIFE AND DAUGHTER

BODIES WERE FOUND IN HOLE UNDER FLOOR

Murderer Has Made Confession—Navigation on St. Lawrence—Trades Unions Must Pay Damages.

Toronto, April 13.—A dispatch from Penetanguishene says:

"A crime, remarkable for its brutality, was perpetrated at Penetanguishene last night, when Mrs. Desfoches and her fourteen-year-old daughter Annie were chopped down with an axe, their bodies stripped of every stitch of clothing and then thrown into a hole under the floor, used as a cellar. Mrs. Desfoches was about fifty years of age and kept herself by taking in washing and going out by the day. Her husband is a farm laborer employed about a mile distant from town.

Penetanguishene, April 13.—Alexis Desfoches, husband of the murdered woman and father of the child, was arrested this afternoon while piling lumber in the yard in Midland. He admits killing both woman and child. His wife and he quarrelled and he hit her over the head with an axe handle. He thinks she died instantly. His daughter came in at that moment from church and he struck her with his axe and broke the handle. He took another axe and hit her again. Then he stabbed both in the neck and removed their clothing with which to wipe up the blood, threw the bodies into the cellar and then started for Midland.

Success of Ice Breaker.

Montreal, April 13.—The ice bridge at Cape Rouge, just above Quebec, which annually delays the opening of navigation upon the St. Lawrence, sometimes for a fortnight or more, gave way this afternoon. Navigation will be open to Montreal in two or three days. The early breaking up of the ice bridge was due to work done by the ice-breaker Montcalm, which the Canadian government had built in Great Britain last summer. Last fall the Montcalm was put to work at Cape Rouge, keeping the river at that point open as long as possible. The ice formation was particularly heavy this year, and but for the work accomplished since April 1st by the Montcalm it is doubtful if the bridge would have moved until after May 1st. The ice in some places was 20 feet thick.

Wound Caused Death.

Montreal, April 13.—Joseph Kourri died at his home in this city this evening, the doctors say, from the effect of a bullet wound in his head, which he received in a fight at Labelle, Que., in October, 1903. His assailant was tried for attempted murder at the Hull assizes, and acquitted largely on Kourri's own evidence, he swearing the shooting was accidental, although when lying, as supposed, at the point of death in the Notre Dame hospital, he made an anti-mortem statement, in which he swore that the shot had been fired deliberately. Kourri's assailant cannot be prosecuted further as the shot did not take place within the period prescribed by the law of a year and a day.

Died From Heart Failure.

Toronto, April 13.—Alfred MacDonnell, whose trial on a charge of embezzlement of the funds of the provincial treasury has been postponed from time to time over a period of three years, is dead from heart failure.

Failures.

Toronto, April 13.—According to Bradstreet's report, issued yesterday, the total number of business failures in Canada and Newfoundland for the first quarter of 1905 was 378, involving \$3,636,784 in liabilities and \$1,597,397 in assets. This is an increase of 22 per cent. in failures. The largest number of failures occurred in Ontario, 140. Quebec came next with 137. British Columbia contributed but 17 to the list.

Gamey's Motion.

Toronto, April 13.—R. R. Gamey, M. P. for Manitoulin, has placed on the order paper of the legislature a motion to rescind and expunge from the records of the House the report of the Gamey commission, which censures the member for Manitoulin.

Verdict For Company.

St. Catharines, April 13.—The jury at the assizes last night brought in a verdict in favor of the Guernsey Foundry Co. for \$1,500 against the trades unions. The company took action for \$10,000 against the trades unions and applied for an injunction to restrain the defendants from further interfering with the company's rights and boycotting the company's goods. Justice Anglin in his charge to the jury declared that from the evidence produced there was clearly an iron hand under the velvet glove of the trades unions.

Rancher's Body Found.

Calgary, N. W. T., April 13.—A mystery surrounds the death of Daniel Campbell, a rancher, whose body was found floating in a slough near Moose House yesterday. The corpse was lying in a wagon box and the vehicle to which it was attached and the horse were nearby. A post-mortem indicated that death resulted from drowning, but how that could occur and the man left in the wagon box is a mystery. Campbell was in Calgary during the day. He was thirty years of age and had resided in Alberta many years. A sister resides in Vancouver.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Waltham, Mass., April 13.—Mrs. Louise H. Johnson, wife of a former mayor of Waltham and well known throughout the state as a temperance advocate, committed suicide to-day by drowning. Ill-health and a shock following the violent death of a son in Connecticut are thought to have unhinged her mind. Mrs. Johnson was 70 years of age.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.
Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Our doctors will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

The Secret of Success—Always Supply The Best

James Buchanan & Co's Scotch Whiskies

May cost a trifle more, but the dealer is more than repaid by the satisfaction he gives his customers. Ask for

Buchanan's Special or Red Seal
Buchanan's Black and White or White Seal
FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.

STRENGTHENING FORTRESS.

Rushing Men to Vladivostok—Additional Batteries Are Being Prepared.

Tokio, April 13.—It is reported here to-day that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok, and that the work of strengthening the fortress is progressing constantly. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering one hundred thousand men, with five hundred guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers and pits are in course of construction, and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated.

The Russians, it is said, hope to equip the fortress that it will be capable of withstanding a siege.

Favors Continuing War.

Paris, April 13.—The Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent states that Gen. Dragomiroff strongly advises Emperor Nicholas to continue the war, pursuing defensive tactics until the double-tracking of the trans-Siberian railway can be completed, and then pour reinforcements into Manchuria and assume the offensive, when Japan shall have become exhausted, at the same time utilizing Russia's great resources for strengthening the fleet, which, he asserts, will take four years to render it more powerful than Japan's navy. This plan, Gen. Dragomiroff considers, would certainly be finally successful.

Hospital Ship.

Chicago, April 13.—A Chicago Daily News special from Saigon says: "Rostovsky's hospital ship arrived here last night to take on board provisions, medicine and coal. It will leave to-morrow at midday to join the main squadron."

LORD LANSDOWNE

On the Proposed Peace Conference—Hopes There Will Be Early Meeting.

London, April 13.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Reay (Liberal) asked if President Roosevelt's invitation to the powers to send representatives to a peace conference would be accepted, and whether the subject of contraband of war would be brought before the conference.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, replying, said the invitation had been accepted without hesitation. The government had placed itself in President Roosevelt's hands with a reservation merely as to the subjects which might be submitted to the conference. All the other powers had accepted the invitation with equal cordiality and with the same reservations. He added that the position of the powers was most unsatisfactory in regard to the many questions of international law. The only method a neutral power could adopt, when at variance with one of the belligerents, short of resorting to measures which would rather not contemplate, was to follow the example of Great Britain, press its views as strongly as possible and make frequent protests.

In conclusion, Lord Lansdowne said that among other subjects which it was most desirable to discuss was the danger from floating mines, the new and terrible development of modern warfare. In fact it was very desirable that a general agreement should be reached among the powers on all the questions raised, feeling that everything should be done to restrict the area of belligerent operations and minimize the sufferings of those directly and indirectly affected. The government cordially welcomed the initiative of the United States, and at the proper time would gladly associate itself with the government of the United States in dealing with those important subjects.

The secretary shared the hope that the time was not far distant when this most humane and most honorable task.

TARIFF REFORM QUESTION.

Meeting Held Under Presidency of Mr. Chamberlain—Will Wait on the Premier.

London, April 13.—The members of parliament in favor of tariff reform held a meeting to-day at the House of Commons, under the presidency of Joseph Chamberlain, and unanimously adopted a statement expressing the views of the reformers. A deputation headed by Mr. Chamberlain was appointed to present the statement to President Balfour. This was the official report given out after the meeting, which was private. Those present are said to have pledged themselves not to disclose the terms of the statement. It is understood, however, that it suggests a compromise.

Chamberlain's Attitude.

London, April 14.—Whatever may be Joseph Chamberlain's ulterior motives (and the Liberal organs this morning do not hesitate to impute to him a tactical retreat, with a view to later on springing his full force), there is no doubt that when Premier Balfour to-day receives the Chamberlain deputation, he will have an opportunity of securing harmony with a sufficient number of his party to maintain the government in power.

Mr. Chamberlain in an extremely conciliatory speech yesterday accepted, and urged the 140 Unionists present to cordially support Mr. Balfour's fiscal program, only taking exception to the double election scheme proposed by Lord Lansdowne in his speech in the House of Lords on Tuesday regarding the proposed colonial conference. It is understood the Premier will be asked to allow the question of two elections to be settled according to circumstances.

Briefly Mr. Balfour's proposals thus accepted, advocate, first, such fiscal concessions as will permit of retaliation, under the condition that no taxation will be imposed except for revenue; second, closer commercial union with the colonies; third, convening a colonial conference unimpeded by limiting instructions; and fourth, that home prices must not be raised to aid home production. It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain in his speech yesterday insisted upon the necessity of finding a unanimous party cry. He claimed that there was no essential difference between Mr. Balfour's policy and his own and appealed to the whole party to sink minor differences and combine in support of the government.

The government supporters are hopeful of a satisfactory result.

Condensed Advertisements.

Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

KAI CHUNG & BRO., 159 Government St. Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Hours and show ads.

FOR GARDENING—Cleaning, or in fact work of any kind, ring up the W. C. T. U. Mission, 17 Johnson street. Phone 1124.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—80 Bess street. Reliable, secretaries, always needed. Call between 11 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Letters promptly answered. I. Devereux.

WANTED—MALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Commercial artist to assist in designing. B. C. Engraving Company. Apply at Times office.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Shirt and overall operators, experienced, also button operators steady work. Apply Mr. Williams, manufacturing dept., Mackay, Smith, Blair & Co., Vancouver.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

MAGIC LANTERN SLIDES WANTED—Box 355, Times.

WANTED—Part paid Permanent Loan book. Stock, Times Office.

WANTED—All kinds of bicycle repair work; all work guaranteed. J. T. Braden, Douglas street. Estimates given on all plumbing and heating work.

DO YOU KNOW of a good bicycle repair shop? If so, let them do your work. If not, call on Harris & Moore, 42 Broad street. All kinds of repairing done in the best manner, with the best material. Phone 8900.

C. M. COOKSON, plumber and heating. Jobbing work specialty. Estimates given on all kinds of plumbing and sewer work. Estimates for up-to-date English wash-stands. Tel. 674. 27 Johnson street.

BOARD AND ROOMS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FURNISHED ROOMS—First-class table; well furnished; free bath; excellent view. 227 Johnson, corner Vancouver.

TO LET—Two furnished bedrooms. 170 Yates street.

LOST AND FOUND. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

LOST—Will the person that picked up two Irish setter pups on the Saanich road please return to No. 5 Speed avenue and receive reward?

LOST—A white English setter, with brown spots on ear and nose; answers to "Betty." Please return to C. W. Kirk, coal office, Victoria West, and receive reward.

WATCH REPAIRING. A. PETCH, 90 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS. A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 124.

Designs in Wall Paper may be seen here in generous variety. We are sure you will find just the pattern you are looking for if you will step in and look over our samples.

Mellor Bros., Limited,
Phone 812. 70 FORT ST.

REMAINS UNSETTLED. Efforts to End the Chicago Strike Prove Unsuccessful.

Chicago, April 13.—Notwithstanding a continuance of the strike of teamsters and garment workers, Montgomery, Ward & Co. today started out more wagons than on any previous day since the teamsters quit work. The police guards with the wagons were not so numerous as on previous days. One more effort to reach a settlement was made to-day, three representatives of the Chicago Employers' Association meeting a committee of labor leaders at the request of President Shea, of the Teamsters' Union. The meeting, however, resulted in no advancement towards peace.

Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advance price, which represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to ten days ago. Swift & Company, Armour and Nelson Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago, or to any other market of the country, during the last month and a half except at a loss.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Fruit and chicken ranch, situated at Goldstream, 5 minutes' walk from railroad station and the same distance from post office and hotel; must be seen to be appreciated. Inquire at the premises. P. Walmaley, proprietor.

FOR SALE—Gordon setter pups; choice stock. Geo. Pirie, Foul Bay.

EGGS FOR SETTING—All those persons who have seen my flock of Barred Rocks say they are the best they have seen in these parts. Incubator lots, 50 cents per dozen. John C. Mollet, South Salt Spring, B. C.

FOR SALE—Snap-Singer motor cycle. Thos. Milne, Central Cycle Depot.

FOR SALE—Gasoline launch, about eighteen feet, 2½ h. p. "Launch," Times Office.

FOR SALE—Horses of all kinds; from \$35 up; new and second-hand buggies, carts and wagons from \$10 up; a few first-class fresh cows. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store street.

FOR SALE—Furniture of 11-roomed boarding house; owner leaving city. Apply to P. F. Bittencourt, auctioneer, 55 Blanchard street. Phone 1818.

FOR SALE—WAR SCRIP—South African war scrip. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

KNIGHTS' Hardy early cabbage plants—Never run to seed, 50c. per 100; 80c. per 200; \$1.00 per 300; delivered in the city. Mount Tainia Nursery.

SWEET FRAS—At Jay & Co.

FOR SALE—Banjo, \$12; engineering books, \$11.50; bike, almost new, Morrow coaster brake, \$20; Stevens S. B. shotgun, \$6; English leather bound trunk, \$5.50; lady's bike, \$30; quadrant and compass, \$18.50; Jacob Arfonsen's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

FOR SALE—First-class planer and matcher, in good order, 6x15. Shawigan Lake Lumber Co.

HOLLY TREES FOR SALE. Jay & Co., 15 Broad street. Phone 1024.

FOR SALE—Old posts. Address Oldfield, Box 405, city.

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TO LET. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO LET—6-roomed house, 212 Cook street; good condition. Apply on premises.

TO LET—Half store. Apply 25 Government street.

TO LET—Cottage on Yates street. Apply 247 Yates.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT TREATMENT—For eczema, rheumatism, stiff joints and neuralgia, etc.; recommended by medical faculty. Miss Ellison, 74 Fort street, Balmoral Block.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH—You don't know the comfort and pleasure in having a good fitting and natural looking set of artificial teeth unless you have them made by Dr. Hartman, 115 Government street.

GO WHERE THE OTHERS GO—To the X L Second-Hand Store, 8 Store street. Cheapest furniture, etc., in town.

LIVERY AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broughton street. Tel. 129. Hack, baggage wagons, trucks, etc., at any hour.

AR WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gentlemen's made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 160 Government street.

SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 56 Douglas St.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. R. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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HOTELS. FERNIE, B. C.—Hotel Waldorf. Splendid accommodation for tourists and commercial men.

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COFFEE AND SPICES. VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Office and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

MACHINEISTS. L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 160 Government street. Tel. 904.

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LEE & FRASER.

Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Truncheon Avenue.

MORTGAGE SALE—Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 24th day of April, 1905, for the purchase of Lot 5 of the west half of Section Twenty, Beekley Farm, Victoria City, as shown on a map or plan filed in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., and numbered 154. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Lee & Fraser, 11 Truncheon Ave., Victoria, B. C., agents for the mortgage. Dated 11th April, 1905.

MONTREAL STREET—Modern dwelling, very large lot; cheap and on terms.

\$1,000—Cottage, stable and corner lot, Devonshire road.

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CARR STREET—2 story 8 roomed house and large lot, sewer connections, etc.; price \$1,700.

\$1,500—For 5 roomed cottage, James Bay.

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Money to Loan; Fire and Life Insurance; also Choice Farm Lands.

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HEISTERMAN & CO., REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

FOR SALE—Seven-roomed two-story house, newly painted, full sized lot, David street, \$1,050.

FOR SALE—Victoria West, five-roomed cottage, 68 New Car line, \$1,500; \$200 cash, balance \$20 a month, without interest.

FOR SALE—Market street, two-story seven-roomed dwelling, with modern conveniences, in splendid condition; \$1,700.

FOR SALE—Acre lot and cottage, just outside city limits, stable, orchard, etc.; \$2,500.

FOR SALE—New modern bungalow, on Douglas street; \$2,000.

FOR SALE—\$1,800 will buy a good 7-roomed house, with cellar and attic, on a double corner lot; easily worth \$2,500.

FOR SALE—Large modern two-story residence, with two acres of land, orchard, etc., commanding a magnificent view; easy terms; particulars on application.

OWN YOUR OWN HOME—\$10 down and \$5 a month will buy a splendidly situated lot on the Work Estate; good soil, nice southern exposure.

BELCHER STREET—Only remaining lot for sale at \$850.

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MONEY TO LOAN—On improved property, at current rates.

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BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

THOMAS CATERALL—16 Broad street. Building in all its branches, wharf work and general jobbing. Tel. 920.

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JOHN HAGGARTY—Contractor, 47 Discovery street. All kinds of teaming done and estimates given. When you want the scrapper to call phone us, 154.

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LICENSES MUST BE TAKEN OUT AT ONCE

Warning to Non-Resident Travellers in the Police Court Yesterday Afternoon.

Non-residents of the province who solicit orders for goods in British Columbia are being reminded that they must pay a license fee to the provincial exchequer. The act introduced by the minister of finance as a method of increasing the revenues is being enforced now by the provincial police. The act came into force Saturday night when the bills were all assented to by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. Since that time Superintendent Hussey has had the provincial police diligently apprehending all commercial men and forcing the taking out of the license necessary in order to do business.

The license fee collected is \$100 for each six months from liquor and cigar men, and \$50 for six months from commercial men in other lines. Provision is made for the payment on a percentage of the business done, but the minimum fee under this section is to be \$25 for six months from liquor and cigar men, and \$12.50 for six months from other lines of business.

The provincial police have already collected a number of licenses. Yesterday the first case was taken into court. John Hughes, of the Toronto Novelty Company, was brought before Police Magistrate Hall for selling without a license. He had been doing business in the interior of the province before the law came into force. This week he landed in Victoria, and as in former years began to solicit orders. When everything was explained it was decided to allow Mr. Hughes an opportunity to cancel the fine orders taken since the act came into force and quit the province. He was not aware of the law, and moreover the business he did was of a small nature, and precluded the possibility of his paying a license.

The police magistrate thought that under the circumstances it might be wise to withdraw the charge. If it were not withdrawn he would have to fine the man and collect the license, or in default commit him to jail.

Superintendent Hussey said his instructions were to enforce the act. He finally agreed to withdraw the charge on the understanding that no precedent was thus to be established, it being understood that in any case which came up later the law was to be fully enforced.

R. W. Wickens, of the Wickens Publishing Company, London, appeared in court also, though no formal charge was laid against him. He had happened to be in the city on a trip, and took occasion to do business with one firm with which his company dealt. He consented to cancel the order, and do no further business in the province.

The next cases which came up in court will be made to pay the full penalty.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—J. Grady, T. Little, Mrs. Gleason, D. F. Strayer, H. H. Sevel, D. W. Malcolm, A. Joe, R. James, G. H. Langan, J. Murray, Miss Jones, Miss Pettigrew, J. Murphy, W. Ross, W. H. Shefeld, Mrs. Logan, C. Brauh, H. Johnson, R. Marpole and secretary, H. R. Ricketts, Mrs. Reid, Miss Reid, Miss Snyder, J. Rutherford, Miss Pringle, Mrs. Tufts, H. M. Daly, J. J. Ordain, F. T. Sherbourne, C. W. Ross, T. G. Moody, M. Cameron, G. Monteith, W. E. Green, F. E. Young, A. W. Vowell, Miss Tuck, A. N. Cuthbertson, Mrs. F. J. Hall, A. G. E. Bullock, T. McInnes, R. P. Thillard, F. Hore, R. D. Loftner, E. K. Harris, P. H. Peto, G. A. McPherson, C. K. Gilbert, Mrs. Gilbert, Master Gilbert, A. McKenna, T. Schmidt, E. Rohrbaker, T. Schmidt, L. G. Wing, E. A. Sims, Prof. D. Jouty, E. H. Shanks, Mrs. Shanks.

THE HAPPINESS OF HEALTH—Exhaustion is the ripple and laughter of pure blood as it courses through the veins. South American Kidney Cure drives out all impurities and insures the richness and purity that is essential to perfect health—successful because it merits its popularity because it fulfills every promise—a Kidney medicine solely and purely. It never fails.—120.

URGENT PURCHASE OF THE GAS WORKS

DEPUTATION WAITS UPON THE ALDERMEN

And Drew Attention to Offer Made to Tramway Company—Other Municipal Business.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee, otherwise the board of works, held their usual mid-weekly session last night. Perhaps the principal feature of the meeting was a conference between the aldermen and deputation relative to a proposal to acquire the gas works. The deputation consisted of J. L. Beckwith, chairman; Stephen Jones and W. H. Bone. These gentlemen represented that the Victoria Gas Company had offered their interests for \$192,000, which amounted to 80 cents on the dollar. The company, it was explained, was incorporated at \$240,000, and its estimated profits were about \$10,000 per annum. It had been paying dividends ranging from five to six per cent. The street railway company was willing to buy in its concern. But the gas corporation would not agree to this; it wanted cash. The aldermen are unanimously opposed to the acquisition of the gas works, because they fear that such a course would prevent the municipality from embarking in the electric lighting business on its own account. They look forward to this latter move as an eventuality, especially should it be decided to get water from Goldstream.

Upon the withdrawal of the deputation the committee proceeded to the regular business. It was decided to recommend to the council to proceed with the Spring Ridge sewerage operations, regardless of the objections of George Jeeves, so renewed activity may be expected in that direction. Another recommendation will be the construction of permanent sidewalks on the north side of Yates street, from Douglas to Blanchard streets, also on both sides of Douglas street, from Yates to Johnson streets. There are several more stretches of plank sidewalk on this thoroughfare which should be replaced with cement walks.

The city engineer was instructed to arrange with the tramway company for a spur from the main line near the Willows to the recently acquired site for the Old Men's Home. From this place gravel for filling in the mud flats will be procured. It was also determined to invite tenders for the improvement of the old Quadra street cemetery.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Appointments Made By the Provincial Government—Companies Incorporated.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

William E. Curtis, of Ladner, to be a stipendiary magistrate within and for the county of Vancouver.

John Shirley, of Atlin, to be sheriff of the county of Atlin, from the 1st day of April, 1905.

Edward J. Thain, of Atlin, S. M., to be district registrar of the Supreme court for the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake mining divisions registrar of the County court of Atlin, and clerk of the peace in and for the county of Atlin.

Constable William H. Vickers to be deputy mining recorder for the Atlin Lake mining division, at Discovery, Atlin district.

William Henry Covert, Thomas Powers, Richard Dean Jones and Thomas Newby, of Grand Forks, and Alexander McDonald, of Phoenix, and Thomas Henry Paterson, of Greenwood, to be fence viewers in and for the Grand Forks and Greenwood electoral districts.

I. N. Wilcock, of the town of Skagway, Alaska, U. S. A., attorney-at-law, to be a commissioner at Skagway for taking affidavits for use in the courts of British Columbia.

Edward Owen Mallins, of the city of New Westminster, to be deputy district registrar of the Supreme court at New Westminster; and deputy registrar of the County court of Westminster, at New Westminster.

Edward Otto Arnold, of Vancouver, to be the second assistant at the Industrial school at Vancouver, such appointment to date from March 27th, 1905.

Mrs. Donaldson, of the city of Vancouver, to be matron of the Industrial school at Vancouver.

The resignation of Daniel W. Sutherland, of Kelowna, as a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia, has been accepted.

The following companies have been incorporated: Peter Birrell, Limited, with a capital of \$15,000, with the object in view of carrying on the business of cashing, purchasing, canning and curing fish in the province; the Victoria Professional Baseball Club, Limited, with a capital of \$5,000; the Vancouver Athletic Club, Limited, with a capital of \$40,000; the Victoria Rochdale Co-operative Association, Limited, with an unlimited number of shares at \$5 each. The company is incorporated to carry on a grocery or any other business.

GRATIFYING REPORT.

Metropolitan Methodist Sunday School is in Flourishing Condition.

At the recent annual meeting of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school the following report was submitted by the secretary, W. E. Stanaland:

Dear Pastor, Superintendent, Officers and Teachers:—Another year has passed by and I am called upon again to balance my books and give you a profit and loss statement. For myself I must say that the delightful cheerfulness and cordiality displayed by officers, teachers and scholars has helped me in my work. Many times I have felt discouraged during my term of office, but all discouragement banished from my thoughts when I received so many greetings from the children on my return from abroad, for I knew then, indeed, I was part and parcel of the school and had the perfect confidence of the children.

I shall not trespass on time by reviewing my report, but will call your attention to the fact that it only deals with 50 sessions of the school, thus making a material difference in the totals of the previous years.

Number of classes, 24; officers, 10; teachers, 28.

Scholars in primary department, 115; intermediate, 184; senior, 114; cradle roll, 50; home department, 58.

Total attendance for the year, 15,110; present morning service, 5,353; collections, \$23,407; values received, 7,690; fines brought, 3,671.

As I pointed out last year, the average attendance is low compared with the number on the roll, but I candidly believe that at least 50 names should be struck off the Bible class rolls. I trust the incoming secretary will not be as lenient in this regard as I have been. I was not anxious for trouble.

Last year a budget was prepared on estimated receipts and expenditures. They follow: Collections estimated, \$116; received, \$420.40. Entertainments estimated, \$100; received, \$51.20.

Our account with the Methodist book room is very satisfactory. Last year at this date we had owing them \$123.45, and this year due to the end of January we now owe them \$107, with supplies due to December 31st, 1905. This means that we are entirely out of debt for the supplies, as we have more than paid for goods delivered. Let us now work to pay in advance for all our supplies and you will save your secretary a lot of trouble and give the book room steward a genuine surprise. Might I suggest that supplies be paid for monthly.

In closing, I desire to thank you all for your kindness to me. My relations with E. A. Lewis and H. J. Knott, superintendents, during my term of office as secretary, have been most cordial, both gentlemen assisting me in every way possible. I also desire to mention the faithful and efficient service rendered by my assistant, Miss Edna Jones, as well as the service rendered by Mr. Yeo in delivering the supplies each week. I trust the board will follow the course adopted last year by voting the sum of \$10 to Mr. Yeo for his services.

May God continue to bless our school be the prayer of your retiring secretary.

The Venezuelan case is a closed incident so far as United States Secretary Taft, who has charge of the foreign relations during the absence of Secretary Hay, is concerned, unless President Roosevelt decides to take it up while he is away on his vacation. This is not thought probable.

Dispatches received in Paris through official channels show that the rioting in Madrid between workmen and police was much more serious than at first reported. Troops were sent to assist the police and the soldiers fired on the mob, wounding 15 men.

A. E. Bellie, one of the most widely known French-Canadian lawyers of New England, died at Worcester, Mass., on Thursday.

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NEW CALIFORNIA POTATOES ARRIVE

ARE FINDING READY SALE IN VICTORIA

Quotations on All Imported Fruits Are Steadily Increasing—Other Changes.

New California potatoes are now on the local market, several consignments having arrived this week. They are being retailed at four pounds for 25 cents, and as the quality is all that could be desired, are finding a ready sale. Dairy produce, including butter, eggs, etc., which has been increasing in price, remains the same as last week. The timely arrival of considerable California butter has eliminated the possibility of a rise in the prices of local creamery. Fruit, however, especially that imported from the States, is fluctuating. The prices are rising and navel oranges, bananas and even lemons are now much more expensive than was the case about a month ago.

Appended are the retail quotations:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's, per bbl.	6.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.75
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.75
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	6.75
Okanagan, per sack	1.75
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.75
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.75
Excelsior, per sack	1.75
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.75
Oak Lake, per sack	1.75
Oak Lake, per bbl.	6.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.75
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.75
Kendry, per sack	1.75
Kendry, per bbl.	6.75
Pastry Flour—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.40
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	5.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.40
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	5.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.40
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	5.50
Three Star, per sack	1.40
Three Star, per bbl.	5.50
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.50
Roscoe	1.00
Sugar—	
B. C. Granulated, per 100 lbs.	6.75
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	40.00
Oats, per ton	28.00
Barley, per 10 lbs.	45
Roasted Oats (B. & K.)	45
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	1.75
Corn, per 100 lbs.	35.00
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Brass, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Vegetables—	
Island Potatoes, 100 lbs.	1.00
California New Potatoes, 4 lbs.	25
New Potatoes, per lb.	8
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	8
Cabbage, per lb.	12 1/2
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	2 1/2
Carrots, per lb.	2 1/2
Rhubarb, per lb.	10
Variety, per lb.	14 1/2
Fish—	
Salmon, per lb.	12 1/2
Salmon, spring (smoked)	15
Haddies, per lb.	10
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	10
Bloaters, per lb.	10
Rock Cod	10
Beam	10
Shrimps, per lb.	40
Herring, per lb.	8
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	25
Butter (Delta Creamery)	35
Best Dairy	30
Butter (Cowhatch Creamery)	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	30
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12 1/2
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	18 1/2
Bacon (American), per lb.	22 1/2
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulders, per lb.	13 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	16
Beef, per lb.	12 1/2
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Pork, per lb.	11 1/2
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50
Lamb, forequarter	1.00
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10
Lemons (California), per doz.	25
Apples (local), per box	1.40
Oranges (valley), per doz.	25 1/2
Bananas, per doz.	30 1/2
New Jordan Almonds (shell-ed), per lb.	80
Valencia Almonds (shell-ed), per lb.	60
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	12 1/2
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, per lb.	20 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	20
Geese, per lb.	20
Turkey (local), per lb.	20
Turkey (Eastern), per lb.	20 1/2

Wheat, per ton 40.00
Oats, per ton 28.00
Barley, per 10 lbs. 45
Roasted Oats (B. & K.) 45

Feed—
Hay (baled), per ton 17.00
Straw, per bale 1.75
Corn, per 100 lbs. 35.00
Middlings, per ton 27.00
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Ground Feed, per ton 30.00
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FALLING APART.

The Montreal Gazette, the oldest Conservative newspaper in Canada, and the representative of the sane elements yet to be found in the Conservative party of Canada, will support the present Liberal government of Quebec. The Gazette also condemns the agitation the fomenters of race prejudice and of "religious" bigotry in Ontario are endeavoring to raise in the hope of creating disgust with public life in the mind of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and forcing the greatest leader of the Liberals have ever had, or Canadians have ever had, into retirement. Nor is the Montreal Gazette the only Conservative newspaper that condemns by implication and in plain words the incendiary appeals of the narrow-minded and wretched souls whose habitat is confined to a very small section of Ontario. The majority of newspapers, like the majority of the representatives of the people in parliament, recognize that Canada's population is composed, in the main, of two classes of different origin, worshipping the same God, approaching Him with reverence, but under different forms and ceremonial. In the good old times the representatives of antagonistic creeds, no doubt acting under inspiration from the ancient enemy of mankind, thought they were doing the God of the universe grand service when they stretched each other on the rack, smashed legs and feet and thumbs in ingenious and truly infernal machines, and, in extreme cases, consigned bodies to the flames—all for the good of the souls of the tortured and as a warning to survivors that the day of their conversion ought to be near at hand. One would naturally have supposed that in this beginning of the twentieth century a new and more liberal spirit had taken possession of men. There has been progress, but there still smoulder a few of the embers of the old feud between Ontario and Quebec, which made the original Canadian Confederation impossible, and which later threatened failure until compromise was reached in the present school system under which the rights of the minority are guaranteed for all time. But there are still demagogues and mischief-makers in the land. For the sake of a little brief popularity and to draw the plaudits of a limited number of misguided and unthinking persons, those incendiaries are busy blowing the old smouldering embers of race antagonism and religious prejudices into flame. Of course those newspapers claim to be actuated by the highest and most patriotic motives. They are overcome at the very idea of any section of a mixed community securing advantages over another section. But they take care not to enlighten the people upon whose unreasoning passions they are playing so successfully. They do not publish the facts in regard to the matter. They do not let it be known that the separate schools of the Northwest are in reality completely under government control; that the only concessions the minority are given are such concessions as have been granted by the local government, and that these concessions, in short, amount to the right on the part of either Protestants or Catholics in any part of the territories, when they can furnish a sufficient number of pupils, engaging teachers of their own religious faith to instruct the said pupils. There is no religious teaching during the regular school hours. After 3.30 in the afternoon religious instruction may be given by Protestant or Catholic teachers to such children as desire to remain. This regulation applies without discrimination to every public school in the Territories, whether the district be under Protestant or Catholic auspices.

And the provisions noted above, innocent though they must appear to any person who can approach the subject with his mind divested of even a portion of the natural prejudice peculiar to his

environment, are the sole reasons for the attempt to fan into flame the old racial animosities in Ontario and Quebec which the mellowing influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done so much to allay. We say no words of condemnation are severe enough to adequately express the contempt which should be poured upon the heads of the firebrands. Already many Conservatives in the Dominion House of Commons, a goodly number of them not of the Catholic faith, have expressed their approval of the educational clauses of the Autonomy Bill and have announced their intention of supporting them. The prospects are that the government majority on the question will be the largest ever recorded in the House, and there is little doubt that it will reflect the sentiments of the vast majority of the people of Canada. When the blood of the agitators in the select portion of Ontario has cooled down and calm reflection succeeds impetuous unreason, when the actual provisions of the bill are understood, the people will wonder what all the fuss was about.

TRIUMPH OF THE TURBINE.

Turbine steamers are evidently going to smash records once they get finally established in business. The Virginian, of the Allan Line, which has just completed the fastest passage on record between Liverpool and Halifax, was not designed as a flyer in the acceptance of the term as applied to New York liners. She was intended to be a money-maker, after the manner of the Celtic, the Celtic and other ships of moderate speed. Nevertheless, in her trials the Virginian is said to have developed a turn of speed exceeding by two knots that which the specifications called for. It is this element of uncertainty about the capacity of the turbines which leads additional interest to the experiments (for they are experiments in a degree) now going on in connection with Atlantic steamships. When the engineers have made a proper study of the new machines now being placed in their hands and have acquired the confidence that is the result of experience, we may expect something startling from the turbine-driven ships, and the speedy eclipse of the not yet obsolete valvular monstrosities of the great ocean liners. The Canadian people will be second to the Allies in the adoption of the new principle of propulsion. Should their vessels exceed the requirements of the contract relating to speed in a ratio approaching that of the Virginian, we shall have a still further demonstration of the capacity of the turbines and probably ships of the first class when the specifications only called for second class articles.

And the developments we are noting to-day remind us of the fact that but a few years ago a Conservative government entered into a contract guaranteeing a million dollars a year as a subsidy to a company that proposed to put twenty-knot boats on the run between Canada and Great Britain. The present government was and has been vehemently condemned for refusing to carry out that contract. Steamships in every way of a class superior to those called for by that contract we now have running to our ports without any guarantee whatever.

President Roosevelt continues to make history and gain fame as a mighty hunter. He has shot a tame bear, captured a live wolf with his own hands and without gloves, and has killed one of the biggest rattlesnakes that ever shook a horned tail. In fact the president has acquitted himself with such credit that he has been deemed worthy of the honor of membership in the Concatenated Order of the Hoo Hoos. As the elements have turned against him and have sprinkled two feet of snow over the hunting grounds of Colorado, surely Mr. Roosevelt can now afford to go home and rest on his unparalleled honors. If the reporters reveal a great many more of the unquelled exploits of their hero, we lacking the spirit of appreciation, may conclude that the presidential hunt, like the late session of the Legislature of British Columbia, was a burlesque.

A correspondent of the Colonist contrasts the prosperity of the state of Washington with the depression which exists in British Columbia. Are our Conservative friends seriously contemplating another annexation manifesto? We beg them to remember that Washington is not languishing under the incubus of a Tory government. Nor has the neighboring state been smothered by Toryism of the most objectionable type for many years.

THE S. S. WHATCOM.

To the Editor:—In your yesterday's issue is a letter signed by "Victorian" in reference to the present Puget Sound steamer service. Mr. C. H. Lugin, who wrote said letter, had as well have had the courage to sign his own name to the letter, for it was he who wrote it. It is not surprising to most Victorians that Mr. Lugin should take every possible opportunity to "knock" the company at present operating the steamer Whatcom, for his motives are fairly well known. Now, for the real facts in the case referred to by Mr. Lugin. It is stated that the engines of the Whatcom stopped when the vessel was a few miles off of Seattle and that a few miles further along they stopped again. Mr. Lugin evidently intends to convey the impression that the engines stopped of their own accord, or that it is a most unusual occurrence for a steamer's engines to be stopped for a few moments when the



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steamer is under way. The truth of the matter is, that shortly after the steamer left Seattle the chief engineer found that a crosshead pin had become slightly heated, and while it was not absolutely necessary to stop the engines to properly adjust the pin, the engineer thought best to shut off steam, which he did for just three minutes, during which time the vessel did not actually lose headway. Further on another similar stop was made. It is a very common occurrence for crosshead pins to become slightly heated, though it is not necessary to stop engines except on long runs. Had he taken the trouble to go to the engine room, he would have seen how very small was the mole hill he has attempted to make into a mountain. I have taken the trouble to interview both Capt. Carter and Chief Engineer Cox of the Whatcom, and know whereof I speak. Mr. Lugin speaks of the Whatcom's running into a "very heavy sea, so that she took in water frequently over her saloon deck." Capt. Carter's log book shows that the Whatcom's time from Port Townsend dock to Victoria dock the day Mr. Lugin came over was 2 hours and 34 minutes, while her best time under favorable circumstances is 2 hours and 28 minutes. Any steamer crossing the Straits that day would have taken more or less spray over her bow, but this does no harm whatever.

Mr. Lugin states that if he has occurred to go to Seattle while the Whatcom is the only vessel on the route he will go by way of Vancouver. Now, while the Whatcom is a common carrier and would, no doubt, be compelled to carry certain nervous persons if they saw fit to purchase tickets, it is to be earnestly hoped that these persons will stay at home or walk when they want to go to Seattle, for they are likely to make other people nervous. I also understand that he is going to report to the Board of Trade the startling information that the steamer Whatcom's engines actually stopped twice on the run between Seattle and Port Townsend. Of course, the Board of Trade has too much good sense and more important matters to deal with than to waste any valuable time on this.

E. E. BLACKWOOD.

April 14th, 1905.

MOSS ON THE ROOFS.

To the Editor:—I shall watch with interest the effort of Ald. Hanna to induce the fire marshal to do his duty in the matter of summoning property holders who will not clear the roofs of their buildings of moss. The appearance of the town to a stranger is simply disgraceful, to say nothing of the danger to adjacent buildings from fire. The ordinance has now been in force nearly seven months, and not half-a-dozen roofs have been cleared. What are the fire marshals and the property owners, thinking of when they tolerate the existence of this dangerous and unsightly nuisance?

I hope that the alderman named will not cease his efforts until the work has been done or he has learned the reason why it is not done.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Change of Programme at the Redmond-Vaudeville at the Victoria.

The comedy drama "Escaped From Sing Sing" pleased the audience at the Redmond theatre last night. The play is full of strong scenes, and the story was followed with the greatest interest. There is not a dull moment from the start, and it is not without its comedy element, which is delightfully interwoven into the plot. The liberal applause proved that the members of the Redmond company have lost none of their popularity. Patrons of this theatre can depend on seeing the plays well staged and acted, and thus are assured an enjoyable evening.

Ed. Redmond appeared in "Escaped From Sing Sing" as Jerry Weston, and filled the role in a capable manner, while Clyde Granger was excellent as James Blackburn, the villain. The part of Jack Worthington was in the hands of Theo. H. Bird, and S. M. Griffith impersonated Col. Lee. Rae Bronson again proved herself to be a clever actress in the role of Mrs. Lee. Pinkie Mulally took the part of Nana Lee.

To-night and to-morrow, including afternoon matinee, "The Girl From Albany" will be presented.

The play drawing will take place after to-night's performance. Particulars of this contest have been given previously and there will be lots of fun.

At the Victoria.

The Consolidated Amusement Co. gave three performances yesterday, all of which were attended by large audiences. As usual D'Urban's band continues to be the chief feature, four encores being enthusiastically demanded at the second performance last evening. Three more entertainments are announced for to-day. The programme this evening is: March, "L'Englaisin," D'Urban; overture, "L'italienne in Algeri," Rossini; the celebrated Organ Overtures, Bistate.

An exceptionally fine bill is promised for next week, the principal features of which will be given out later.

The Marriage of Kitty.

The sparkling comedy, "The Marriage of Kitty," will be presented at the Victoria on Monday next. The average comedy is distinguished by the absence of a reasonable and connected story, but this one has a novel and strikingly interesting story from which all the fun and humor proceed logically and naturally, without interpolations and horse-play. It was the originality of the story and the brilliancy of the dialogue that made this play the chief comedy success of last season in New York, where, at the Hudson theatre, it repeated the enormous successes previously won in Paris and

WEATHER REPORT.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 14—5 a. m.—The pressure is increasing on the North Pacific slope, but a low barometer area is hovering off the British Columbia coast, and these movements are causing cloudy and threatening weather in this district. Rain has fallen in Western Oregon and Washington and along the Straits, and it is snowing at Barkerville. East of the Rockies an extensive high barometer area covers the Northwest and the valley of the Mississippi, and the weather is cold with occasional snowfall.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly cloudy and threatening.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, chiefly cloudy, with occasional showers.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 14; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles E. E.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 20; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 59; minimum, 50; wind, 10 miles W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 10; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, fair.



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—A general meeting of Victoria branch of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association will be held at the Board of Trade rooms, Bastion street, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Among the business to be considered is the organizing committee's report, nomination and election of officers, appointment of committees, and the resolution to the Dominion government opposing petition of eastern manufacturers. Other matters of importance will be discussed and a full attendance is desired.

—There will be a practice of the F. Y. M. A. lacrosse club on Monday evening, when all present members are requested to be at the hall at 7 o'clock, as there is important business to be transacted.

—A concert will be given in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on the afternoon of Saturday, the 22nd inst., under the auspices of the Loyal Temperance Legion. The programme will commence at 2.30 o'clock.

—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wollaston, Woodend, Oak Bay avenue, will this evening celebrate their silver wedding. A number of friends have been invited.

—The sealing schooner Casco is reported at Clayoquot with 214 skins.

—Don't miss H. Cole's trip to Portland Fair. No canvassing required. See ad.

—A public meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall to-night at 8 o'clock. Rev. B. H. Shanks, the evangelist, will speak. A meeting of the mission band will be held at the close of this service, and all members are requested to attend.

—The Victoria Liberal Association transacted a considerable quantity of business at their meeting last evening. Several important matters came up for consideration, while a number of nominations for officers at the coming election were received.

—The date of the nomination of candidates for the seat on the school board rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Bolton, will be held—Tuesday, April 25th. The election will be on the 28th. Two candidates, P. J. Riddell and W. McKay are in the field.

—Ald. Fell gives notice that at the next meeting of the city council he will move in the direction of petitioning the Lieutenant-Governor in council for a grant of the old cemetery to the city. He also will move to ascertain who are the owners of the boat houses along the water front on the Dallas road, and what the rights are which these possess.

—The influence of music is often greater than that of a sermon. Frequently the strongest and most passionate flow of eloquence fails where some short passage of sacred music touches the heart and leaves its impress for good. The cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," to be given in Christ Church cathedral this evening, may be cited as an instance of the power of music to sweeten and elevate the thoughts.

—This evening a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. camp committee will be held, commencing at 7 o'clock, at the rooms, Broad street. A report is to be received from those appointed to look into the financial side of the proposal. On their estimate of the expenditure will be based the charge imposed upon individuals participating in the outing. Other matters or detail will be considered, and a full attendance is requested.

—In preparation for the summer tourist travel, Steve Jones is having the Dominion hotel completely renovated. A number of workmen have started the construction of an additional room for use as a private office, the re-papering of the reading apartment and general office, and the carpeting of every room of the house. This will be finished as soon as possible, so that the hotel may present its best appearance by the time tourists begin to arrive in large numbers.

—Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Mary Ann Patch were laid to rest, the funeral taking place at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence, Oak Bay avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. LeRoy Dakin, assisted by Rev. Joseph McCoy. A number of appropriate hymns were rendered. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: A. G. McGregor, A. Huggitt, E. P. Pickard, J. R. Wescott, T. Campbell and S. S. Selman.

—The production of "The Messiah" on the 26th inst. is already an assured success both from a musical point of view and in the matter of attendance. There was a most encouraging turnout of the chorus at the rehearsal in the Metropolitan Methodist church last Wednesday, and even at this early stage a large number of tickets were reported sold. The plan of reserved seats is now open at Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., 88 Government street. The centre seats downstairs are being reserved as well as the usual sections in the gallery.

—Last evening in the schoolroom of Calvary Baptist church a social gathering of members and friends of the church was held. The following programme was rendered: Piano solo, Miss B. Westwood; recitation, Miss M. Freeman; vocal duet, Miss M. Freeman and B. Middleton; Piano solo, Gladys Rogers; recitation, Miss B. Westwood; quartette, Misses Andrews and Freeman, B. Middleton and C. Davidson. Rev. J. F. Wickett presided, and during the evening Rev. E. H. Shanks gave a brief address. Refreshments were served by the ladies after which the happy gathering dispersed.

—Rev. Guthrie Perry, formerly of Wellington, was recently appointed professor of Oriental languages by the board of Manitoba college. He is a graduate of the college in theology and of Manitoba university in arts. He is at present in Leipzig university, and has been studying in Edinburgh and on the continent since leaving Winnipeg. He completed a course in theology in 1896, after which he became minister of the Presbyterian congregation in Wellington. After four years in that capacity he decided to take an extended trip abroad for further study, spending most of his time in Germany, where he has untrillingly devoted himself to the study of Semitic languages, including Hebrew, Syriac and Arabic. The Rev. Mr. Perry is a brother of Dr. Dallas Perry, of Duncan.

—The Provincial Normal school at Vancouver closed yesterday. Diplomats were awarded to the following: Miss Butler, Miss Munro, Dorothy C. Eldridge, Jennie D. Moore, Hattie A. MacKay, Agnes N. Anderson, Daniel J. Anderson, Mary H. Anderson, Gertrude D. Ankers, Florence W. Banton, Pearl C. Becker, Lawrence Broe, Robert H. Carson, Alice D. Colbeck, Robina A. Dingwall, Leah V. L. Dixon, Isabel Dunn, Annie Easton, Mary E. Findlay, Hollis Fisher, Jessie E. H. Fisher, Gertrude M. Fredrickson, Isabella A. Gillies, Lucy F. Hiddle, Edith I. Hiddle, Dorothy I. Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Lizzie C. Jones, Celia G. Langley, Mabel A. Lord, Edith M. Mallory, Alexander Martin, Charlotte Milligan, Florence M. Morrison, Mary D. McBride, Edna C. McDonald, Cecil McEwen, Edna MacLachlan, Mabel A. O'Dwyer, Helen E. Peck, Rhoda G. Periard, Mauriel Phillip, S. D. Harold Pope, Kate I. Pottinger, Nannie J. Pringle, Jennie M. Richards, Myrtle Sessmith, Edith T. Smith, Emily C. Street, Gwendolyn A. Thomas, Isabel H. Thomson, Isla Tuck, Lillian Wall, Ethel M. Weismiller, Gertrude C. Williams, Cora L. Woodward.

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PERSONAL

James Murray, western superintendent of the seed division, Dominion department of agriculture, arrived by the Vancouver steamer last night. Mr. Murray, under the auspices of the department of agriculture, will make a tour of the province and address a number of institutes during his stay. The first meeting takes place to-morrow evening at Colquhoun hall. Mr. Murray has been in Manitoba and the Territories since January.

R. H. Burnett and F. T. Sherbourne, of Vancouver; Alfred Duggan, of San Francisco; and Steve Davis, of Dawson, are in the city. They are among those registered at the Dominion hotel.

H. O. Kerr, of Walkerville, Ont.; H. H. Scott, of San Francisco; E. K. Harris, of Toronto; F. E. Young, of Crofton; and W. Ross, of Vancouver, are among those staying at the Driard.

Mayor Barnard, who has been in Ottawa for several weeks in connection with the E. & N. railway purchase bill, will return home in about a week.

Dr. R. B. Dier, who has been practicing at Ladysmith for the past several months, is in the city. He will remain here for two or three weeks.

E. R. Ricketts, manager of the Vancouver opera house, is in the city. He is a guest at the Driard hotel.

D. Stevens will leave to-night for the Coisa Lake country. He will be absent four or five months.

J. A. Macdonald, Liberal leader, left for Rosland last evening.

R. E. Bullock, of Vancouver, is registered at the Vernon hotel.

T. R. E. McInnes, of Vancouver, is in the city.

In the police court this morning there was little to be disposed of. A few vagrants were on the list. One appeared and pleaded not guilty and his case was remanded. A drunk also was granted a remand, pleading not guilty.

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Sporting News.

THE RING.

COVE WON IN SIXTH.

Percy Cove, of Seattle, and Collie Hill, of this city, went six lively rounds at the Savoy last night, the outcome being the capitulation of the Victoria boy, whose seconds threw up the sponge. The match was supposed to be twenty rounds for a decision, and there were many who believed that it would last the limit, in view of the first-rate exhibitions that each had given here. Both men weighed in at the ring side, neither tipping the scales at 121. Harry Dodd was referee. From the start it was apparent that Cove was in the better condition. This was natural enough in view of the fact that he could more easily make the weight than Hill, who had to go into a pretty rapid decline during the last day or two to get inside the limit.

The two men presented a sharp contrast. Cove is tall and so slim that the average spectator uninitiated into the fine points of the "profession" at first glance would not imagine him strong enough to box the ashes off the end of a cigar. His is a tenuous physique, a capillary build, to which the faintest suggestion of fat is an absolute stranger. But he soon showed that every ounce of him could be relied upon, and there can be no question that he had the fight pretty much his own way from the first tap of the gong. Moreover he displayed first-class judgment and utilized his superiority in reach to the most serviceable advantage. His opponent is shorter, stockier and heavier, but he was too light for his own good notwithstanding. A few pounds more on Collie and he would have put up a better game in action. There is such a thing as over training. At any rate he appeared less alert, active and cautious than he usually is, but whether that can be attributed to the superior tactics and ability of his opponent or to any of his own the experts will have to decide.

The contest started in lively fashion, and the pace was uniformly even to the end. Cove began to jab that long left of his to Hill's face. The other was operating viciously in the direction of Cove's body, but he failed to land. Cove presented his right to Hill's face, and the Victoria boy warmly returned the compliment. No damage was done in the first round.

Round two was a spicy little set-off. There was a lively interchange at the start, Hill trying to fight in and Cove shooting out his long arms towards Collie's face. Hill got in a hard right to wind and Cove landed a couple to the jaw. Hill made a terrific lunge to Cove's body, but the blow failed to connect—Cove had withdrawn a few inches. There was no doubt that the Seattle boy had the best of the second round by a wide margin.

Round three started off in very similar style to the preceding one. Cove kept boring on Hill's face, jabbing to the body by way of variation, and escorting him all over the ring. The fourth round was the beginning of the end. Cove planted a number to the face and wind, and received but little punishment in return. It was quite apparent that Collie's race was nearly run, although due allowance was made for his recuperative powers. He took a count and seemed very tired.

The fifth round was opened by a savage attack by Hill, who landed a hard left to jaw, but it was an aggressiveness born of desperation. Cove forced him to cover by a rain of lefts and rights on the face, and the Victoria took a count of nine. The Seattleite was working like a steam engine trying to put his man out.

Round six was pitifully one-sided. Hill started with a rush, but after that his lot was a succession of counts. A right to the stomach and left to the jaw finished the business, the gong ringing with Hill lying on his back. His second carried him to the corner and tried the usual stimulative process, but it was useless. A sponge suddenly went into the air and landed in the ring. That settled it. The referee awarded the victory to Cove. There was a big attendance.

THE KENNEL.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

About a dozen local prize winning dogs were entered in the Vancouver kennel show and the results so far are exceedingly creditable to Victoria fanciers. The dogs placed in competition from this city almost all belong to the sporting classes. Although judging has not yet been completed, a number of results have been announced. The English setter class is the only variety in which local dogs are represented that has been fully dealt with by Judge Taylor, and the distribution of ribbons places Victoria at the head of the list.

As was expected, T. P. McConnell's Mailbird Bob, recently imported from England, has opened his career in America under most auspicious circumstances. He took first in open English setters, and the same place in the winners' class, while Panilla, a bitch owned by the same breeder, captured premier place in open bitches. Rockline Ladybird, owned by Miss Davis, of this city, was awarded first novice and the blue ribbon in the winners' class. Roy's Last Montez, shown by C. W. Minor, secured the red ribbon second place in open reserve in winners. Young Roy, exhibited by Miss Davis, is first in novice class.

From this it will be seen that the victorians practically made a clean sweep in the English setter class. But these are not all the victories which are expected to come to this city. A number of splendid Irish setters, Gordon setters and cocker spaniels have been entered in competition. These, it is confidently predicted, will bring more prizes to local fanciers.

THE VICTORIA SHOW.

As the opening day of the Victoria kennel show, which will be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st, approaches, the interest among local fanciers increases. Secretary McConnell is kept busy every day answering

queries regarding the forthcoming exhibition, about time and an ambitious breed, or telephoned to his office and asked whether he could enter his dog. "In what class do you wish it placed?" asked the secretary. "I don't know," was the reply. "It's a thoroughbred black and tan terrier, but doesn't in the least resemble either its father or mother." Mr. McConnell recommended that it be shown as a freak and the suggestion will be adopted. The dog



CH. REVELRY.

Geo. Florence's celebrated smooth fox terrier, Ch. Revelry, has had a notable career. He was imported by the Wanders Kennels, of San Francisco, from England, and was first shown in Victoria in 1901. His record follows: In England, four firsts; Victoria shows, eight firsts; New Westminster, five firsts; Nanaimo, three firsts; Spokane, one first; Seattle, one first. He is a splendid dog of the very best breeding.

In question is certainly a curiosity. It has a coat of light fawn colored wool, hairless ears, with a fringe of wool around the edges, and a smooth tail similar to a rat's. This will be displayed, and the one naming it will be awarded an appropriate prize. It is announced that Charles K. Hartley, of San Francisco, intends entering his celebrated quartette of smooth-haired fox terriers at the Victoria show. They are Wanders Duke, Norfolk Huntsman, Norfolk Smart Set and Wanders Violet, valued at approximately \$10,000. In competition with these will be Revelry, owned by Geo. Florence, of this city, and Remembrance, belonging to J. J. Bostock, another Victoria fancier.

A new class will be introduced here at the next show, namely the Dandie Dinmonts. Several of this variety have been entered by C. F. Jackson, of Vancouver, and, as they will be the first seen in Victoria, should prove quite an attraction.

BASEBALL.

GATHERING PLAYERS.

Yesterday G. G. Howlett, manager of the Victoria professional baseball team, returned from Seattle after having signed on McManus, who made himself popular among local fans last year. He, of course, is taken on as catcher and should prove an acquisition, his knowledge of the peculiarities of the pitching of both Blackburn and Holness enabling him to be of considerable assistance in rendering their twirling effective. Another player has been secured in the person of Steel, a California expert with a creditable record. Last evening negotiations were opened to bring Henry Holtmuller, the stalwart athlete and brilliant pitcher of the University of California, to Victoria for the season. Unless previously contracted for it is probable that Holtmuller will sign on with Manager Howlett. Eddie Ford, who has been engaged as second baseman, has reported, and it is expected that practically the full team will arrive before Wednesday. Then, as previously mentioned, the players will commence active training.

Up to the present Manager Dugdale, of Bellingham, has signed eighteen men, among whom is Andy Anderson, formerly captain and second baseman of the Portland league team. W. Hutten, of Everett, has taken the place of Steel, formerly catcher for the Everett Independents, and Mackay, well known here as a prominent member of the Bellingham team last season.

Manager McCloskey, of Vancouver, has not been idle, but has a number of first-class players signed to play with his team for the league series.

LACROSSE.

CENTRALS PROTEST.

The announcement that there will be no Junior league organized this season has resulted in many protests. Members of the Central team particularly object to the decision, as it was the club's intention to enter a twelve in the series. They point out that the school league cannot take the place of a Junior organization. Many first-class players not attending school are unable to secure places on intermediate teams because of their youth. Thus, it is contended, there is a gap between the school boys and the intermediate which must prove detrimental to the development of the Canadian national game in Victoria. This argument should be taken into consideration by the executive of the local club before it is definitely decided to eliminate the Junior series.

WILL ORGANIZE.

A meeting of the J. B. A. A. lacrosse players will be held this evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms for the purpose of organizing. A large attendance is expected.

CRICKET.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

A prominent English cricketer commenting on the Australian team, which passed through the city yesterday on their way to the Old Country, says:

"When it comes to bowling they have two sound, well-tried men in Noble and old Hill Howell, and the young one, Cotter, may shake things up in a way that may surprise even the best of batsmen in the Old Land. I know that some of these fiery English wickets are apt to do to a batsman what a bumpy bowler with a lot of pace gets going on them. Cotter can't help bumping, and I've seen the day at Lord's when he would have made any side look cheap—one of

those days, mind you, when the wicket is fiery and the bowling keen. There is another good man going home in Gebris, of Adelaide. He is a fine batsman, drives all along the "carpet" like a tradesman, and can score off pretty nearly any kind of ball that is hittable. And he is plucky, too—not one of those fancy batsmen who can only make runs when his side is in a winning vein. You watch that youth; he's going to do well in England. Nowland, the new wicket-keeper, will prove a very useful man. He is a trier—there is not a lay bone in his body."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

CELTICS V. GARRISON.

The second match for the British Columbia championship will be played between the Vancouver Celtics and Garrison teams on Friday, the 21st inst. It is understood that the soldiers have been training steadily and that they will be in first-class condition for the final struggle of the season. A game between the Vancouver eleven and the Victoria United team is being arranged to take place on Saturday, the day following the league contest. This, also, should be exceptionally interesting.

GOLF.

LYON WILL COMPLETE.

A Toronto exchange says: "Geo. S. Lyon, Olympic golf champion, will leave Toronto for England via New York, on Thursday, the 20th of the month. Mr. Lyon is already in active training for the British championships, which will be held at Prestwick in May."

"Play will begin May 22nd in the tournament for the British championship, now held by Walter J. Travis, New York, who, it is said, will not defend the title. It is expected that there will be between 100 and 150 entries, including that of Mr. Lyon, the first representative from the Dominion of Canada."

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

5th to 11th April, 1905.

The ocean disturbance which at the close of last week was approaching Vancouver Island passed inland over the northern part of the province; weather conditions improved, and the atmospheric pressure has been remarkably steady during the whole week.

Although the nights have been cold and one or two frosts have occurred in this district and on the Lower Mainland, yet vegetation has considerably advanced, owing to the increase of bright sunshine and the resulting higher temperature during the day time.

The rainfall has been unusually light and more is needed for fruit trees and crops of all kinds; it is reported that in Lillicoet and other parts of the upper Mainland the crop area will be less than usual owing to the fear of the needful supply of water, especially where irrigation is necessary. In the mining districts also the snowfall has been very light during the past winter, and consequently a shortage of water is anticipated during the coming summer, which will seriously interfere with hydraulic operations.

In the Northwest a series of low pressure areas have prevailed throughout the entire region, the weather has been colder and snowfall has occurred in almost all sections. At Victoria, 51 hours and 40 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; the highest temperature was 63.1 on the 10th; and the lowest, 34.7, on the 8th; and only a trace of rain fell.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 62.9 on 5th, 10th and 11th; lowest, 34.0 on 7th, 8th and 10th; rain, 0.28 inch. At Kamloops, highest temperature, 74.0 on 5th; lowest, 26.0 on 9th; no precipitation. At Barkerville, highest temperature, 54.0 on 10th; lowest, 16.0 on 9th; no precipitation.

At Fort Simpson, highest temperature, 32.0 on 9th; lowest, 30.0 on 8th; rainfall, 0.46 inch.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 45.0 on 9th; lowest, 14.0 on 6th; precipitation, 0.28 inch.

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JAPANESE WOMEN.

How They Work for the Soldiers in the Field.

Marchioness Oyama, wife of the victor of Mukden, describes in Collier's how the women of Japan work for the soldiers in the field. In her plain, straightforward way she says: "Since the outbreak of war I have hardly had time even to look after my household, so occupied has been my time, in connection with many societies and organizations directly concerned with this war. Of course, the foremost among them is the Red Cross Society. In connection with this is the Ladies' Volunteer Nursing Association, of which I am a director. The object of the society is implied in its name, but aside from that we make bandages and the 'first aids' after the most approved methods. We have made tens of thousands of rolled bandages, and fifteen thousand of the first aids, and we are still making them. The society includes the ladies of our highest class downward—the imperial princesses, the women of our nobility, etc. You can not realize how earnest the ladies of our upper classes are unless you know their life intimately. They who never dressed themselves without maids waiting on them, they who never held in their hands anything heavier than their handkerchiefs, they who never went outside of their houses without two or three attendants, all come alone to the hospital with their little hand baskets and their bundles containing their 'first aids' and forms. My daughter was on the committee to get up New Year's presents for the soldiers at the front. Of course, it was impossible to send them to all, but it was better that even a few should have their hearts gladdened than none at all when they were doing so much for their country. The young people's plan was quite a novel one. They made bags of strong Japanese paper, about six inches wide and twelve inches long, in which they asked people to put, in anything they liked—anything they thought soldiers would like. For instance, in one bag I put a pair of woolen socks, a piece of

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"All the girls' schools offered to make soldiers' underclothing during the hours of their sewing-lesson, which is always a part of the regular curriculum for girls' schools. The offer was accepted by the war department, and even the young ones have been made happy, thinking they were doing something for the country."

SPREAD OF GAMBLING.

Women Bookmakers With Whom Birmingham Factories Lay Wagers on Races.

Mrs. Barrow Cadbury, addressing the members of the Birmingham Central Mission, spoke of the growing evil of gambling, not only amongst men, but amongst women and girls. Young ladies in society played bridge with the hope of increasing their pocket money, and often went from bad to worse.

Girls in factories, continued the speaker, with very much the same object, staked money on horses. They were induced to do so by women bookmakers, of whom the speaker knew no fewer than five in Birmingham. The Central Mission, which had so many agencies at work, was able to get to the root of the evil, but it was also necessary that they should educate public opinion in order that the law in regard to gambling might be amended.



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DEBATE ON GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

QUESTION OF BUILDING LINE FROM THE COAST

Senator Templeman Has No Doubt Work Will Commence When Surveys Are Completed.

In the Senate on Tuesday, April 4th, a debate took place regarding Grand Trunk Pacific construction in British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (B. C.) rose to ask the Honorable Senator Templeman, as a member of the Dominion government, if he at any time last year received a letter from Mr. Hays, one of the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, to the effect that construction on the proposed railway would commence at Winnipeg, and the Pacific coast simultaneously. And if such a letter has been received, how does it agree with the negotiations now being carried on by Mr. Morse, an agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, with the government of British Columbia, for a grant of money, or land as a condition, if such a grant were made, that construction would be commenced east and west at the same time.

"And whether the honorable gentleman knows that Mr. Morse has held out the threat that if no grant is made construction would proceed from the east only. And will ask if it is the intention of the Honorable Senator Templeman, as a member of the Dominion government, to remind Mr. Hays of the promise contained in his letter. And to insist that the substance thereof shall be adhered to?"

He said: When I put this notice on the order paper, I was not aware of the substance of letters written by Mr. Hays to the hon. gentleman from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Templeman). I find after consulting the debates of last year that there was no promise by Mr. Hays that the construction of the railway would be commenced in British Columbia at any particular time. Therefore, as there is no promise, nothing can be done in the matter; but I can say this, that if the motion I made last year and that made by my hon. friend from Victoria had prevailed, the company would have been bound to make a commencement on the Pacific coast. The hon. gentleman knows how anxious the people of Victoria are that that should be done. It may be thought that from strong opposition to the National Transcontinental Railway project last year, I am not in a position to say anything now; but I have this to say, that after the verdict of the people at the polls last election, endorsing the policy of the government, I withdrew any opposition I had to that enterprise.

Now, my intention is to make the best of it that I can for the whole country, and especially for my own province. Probably the hon. gentleman will be able to tell us that he will do all he can to conserve the rights of British Columbia. We have been neglected completely in the contract, although it is the fact that British Columbia is entitled to its share of any benefit to be derived from that railway. One substantial reason for being entitled is this: that British Columbia pays as much per head taxation to the Dominion government as any of the seven other provinces. All the provinces pay about \$20 per head to the Dominion while British Columbia contributes \$20.00 per head; and that reason alone would entitle us to a great deal of consideration. I would impress on the hon. gentleman to use all his influence and do all in his power to have the construction of the western section commenced on the Pacific coast as soon as possible. He knows the feeling of Victoria as well as I do. He knows that Mr. Morse, agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, went to Victoria to try to obtain from the province a grant in aid of the railway, and failing to get a promise of aid, he said emphatically that they would not commence construction at the coast until they would work their way from the east to the west. Whether Mr. Morse was authorized to make a statement of that kind, I do not know. Whether he was or not, I think he was very unguarded and very wrong in making it. He was angry with the province because he did not get what he asked for. What authority he had to make such a demand, I do not know; but I would impress upon my hon. friend to do all he can with the company to have a commencement made on the Pacific coast simultaneously with the construction westward from Winnipeg.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—I am very pleased to hear my hon. friend from Victoria has withdrawn his opposition to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and is now heartily in accord with the policy of the government in its construction. It is a sort of death-bed repentance, but nevertheless we are glad to see a change even at this late hour. I am sure he must see that the building of the railway to the Pacific coast must result in great benefit to the province. My hon. friend having seen, since he put this inquiry on the order paper, a letter written by Mr. Hays to me, has practically abandoned that part of his question, and now confines himself to the appearance of Mr. Morse in British Columbia, and the negotiations which that gentleman carried on there. It is quite true that

last session, when I gave notice to amend the private charter of incorporation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, so as to insure early construction of the railway on the Pacific coast, I received a letter from Mr. Hays, which I considered then, and which I consider now, binding upon that gentleman, as the representative of the interests of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. I think it would be well, so that there may not be any mistake in future, that I should put this letter in full in the debates of this House. Mr. Hays, it is true, did not distinctly promise that work would begin at any precise date. He did not say that work would begin simultaneously at Winnipeg and on the Pacific coast, because no one asked or expected that the company should make a very fair statement of the intentions of the company as to starting construction of the line. As to what Mr. Morse may have said while in British Columbia or what negotiations he may have carried on with the provincial government, of course I am not informed. I have no means of knowing what he proposed to the British Columbia government, further than the reports of the interviewers alleged to have been had with the McBride government, which have appeared in the newspapers of the west. I am bound to say, with my hon. friend, that if these reports were accurate, certainly Mr. Morse was asking for a very large grant indeed from the province of British Columbia to carry out an arrangement, which I thought then, and still think, will be carried out without any concession of that kind from the province. I took it that Mr. Hays's letter, written for a specific purpose, justified me at that time in dropping the amendment that I had proposed to the bill. While my hon. friend thinks it does not definitely or distinctly make any promise, I think when he reads it carefully he will change his mind. The letter is as follows:

Letter of Mr. Hays to Senator Templeman.

Montreal, Quebec, July 12th, 1904.

Dear Sir:—In reference to your inquiries as to probable date when construction on the new transcontinental line will begin on the Pacific Coast, I beg to say: That surveys have not yet reached that stage of completeness to enable me to fix any definite time for commencement at either end of our road.

With regard to the western end, there are many things to consider, including the important question of harbor facilities, and the nature of the country through which the road must run is such as will necessarily consume considerable time in perfecting surveys and locating the line.

I may say, however, that it will be the policy of the company to diligently prosecute to completion the surveys which have been in operation for over a year, and so soon as the progress of the surveys in British Columbia will permit, construction will be commenced from the Pacific Coast to the end of the road and be carried on continuously in an easterly direction until the road is completed. In fact such action will be necessary to complete the road within the time limit.

I think this covers the point raised, and that a more definite declaration cannot at present be made.

Your reply in the Senate to an inquiry on the subject seems to cover the ground fairly and accurately.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) CHAS. M. HAYS.
Hon. Senator Templeman, Ottawa.

Notwithstanding the newspaper reports as to interviews in British Columbia and of the conferences and negotiations carried on, which, of course we must always read, keeping in mind the fact that Mr. Morse was here as a promoter of a railway enterprise, trying to obtain a land subsidy from a government not too unwilling to part with their land, I have every reason to believe, apart altogether from this letter of Mr. Hays, that construction will begin at a very early date, as soon as the surveys are completed to the Pacific coast. The construction of a railway enterprise, trying to obtain a land subsidy from a government not too unwilling to part with their land, I have every reason to believe, apart altogether from this letter of Mr. Hays, that construction will begin at a very early date, as soon as the surveys are completed to the Pacific coast. The construction of a railway enterprise, trying to obtain a land subsidy from a government not too unwilling to part with their land, I have every reason to believe, apart altogether from this letter of Mr. Hays, that construction will begin at a very early date, as soon as the surveys are completed to the Pacific coast.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed—May I ask my hon. friend, in view of his being a member of the government, and in view of the reliance he places on newspaper reports, whether he or the Dominion government, have communicated with the government of British Columbia as regards any agreement entered into or any proposition entered into between himself and Mr. Hays in regard to the company starting construction on the Pacific coast? I make this inquiry particularly in view of the fact that authentic newspaper reports have represented that Mr. Morse, as general manager of the company, has sought to exact from the province of British Columbia very large subsidies in consideration of beginning work on the coast; and in view of the further fact that Mr. Morse has threatened, according to the press, that unless these subsidies are granted, the road will not be commenced on the Pacific coast. There certainly should be such communication between the two governments as to prevent that condition of affairs occurring if this government is relying on the promises of the Grand Trunk Pacific to carry out the terms of the letter given to my hon. friend.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—I have no personal knowledge that any communication has taken place between this government

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and the British Columbia government with respect to the terms given to the Grand Trunk Pacific, nor do I know any reason why this government should consent to the British Columbia government in granting charters or making agreements regarding the building of a line of railway across the continent. At all events, as far as I know, there was no such communication, nor do I believe we should have had such a communication with the British Columbia government.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed—Does my hon. friend think it is in the interest of the public, and more especially of his own province, in view of this arrangement between himself, as representing the Dominion government, and the Grand Trunk Pacific, that the province of British Columbia should be compelled, in the absence of information, such as he must possess, to give large subsidies for this purpose; when my hon. friend anticipates that without a subsidy the railway is certain to begin construction in British Columbia?

Hon. Mr. Templeman—My hon. friend seems to think the British Columbia government has been compelled to give large subsidies to the Grand Trunk Pacific. That is not the fact. You cannot compel British Columbia to give away money or land; and in fact they have refused, and to my mind properly refused, to give any.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—It will be remembered by those who were present last session that my hon. friend from Victoria put a notice on the order paper, asking for an amendment to the charter of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, which would have compelled the company to commence work simultaneously from the east and from the west. It will be remembered also that the Senate voted that motion down, the hon. gentleman from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Templeman), who represents the government, voting against the motion. It will also be remembered that a very short time after, for some reason—it is unnecessary to say what the reports were—the hon. gentleman himself put a notice on the order paper which would have resulted, if carried, in an amendment to the charter, compelling the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to commence work from the east and from the west at the same time. A short time afterward the hon. gentleman dropped that motion. Whether the reports which were circulated around the House at the time were well founded, I cannot of course say.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—What were they?

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—I will tell the hon. gentleman if he will wait a moment. Whether they were accurate or not, I am not prepared to say; but it was whispered around the Senate that the hon. gentleman had received information from Mr. Hays that he should not press that motion, because if it were carried, it would prevent the Grand Trunk Pacific Company from exacting from British Columbia aid towards the construction of the road, whether by a cash subsidy, or a land subsidy. I do not know; but it was stated that the reason the hon. gentleman dropped the motion was on account of such an intimation received by him from Mr. Hays. I do not vouch for the accuracy of the report which was circulated at the time; but that the motion was dropped, I know, and that it was dropped without giving any reason at that time, we know. The letter which the hon. gentleman has read, I think, a fair statement from a railway standpoint, but from what has transpired since, and the answer which the hon. gentleman has given to the inquiry made by my hon. friend, it is clear that there was some proof in that report, more particularly when we take the report of an interview published in the Victoria Daily Times, of Friday, March 17th. I suppose the hon. gentleman knows how much reliance can be placed on a report which appears in that journal; and I presume he will vouch for its accuracy. In that report I find this passage occurs:

"Mr. Morse was asked if he could give any assurance that work would commence from the Pacific terminus when that was selected. Mr. Morse's reply was most emphatic. He said the com-

mencement of work from the western end depended entirely on the people of British Columbia; that if aid in the way of a land grant was refused, the company would not begin work on the Pacific coast. The line would be built, on the contrary, from the east to the west, which was the way in which the road could be built the cheapest, and thus in the interest of the shareholders."

Then he goes on to say what is in the interest of the province and the country; and there is a positive declaration on the part of a gentleman in authority, that unless the British Columbia government were prepared to be held up, and to make over to that company a large land grant or aid in some other form, the road would be built from the east to the west, that being the cheapest mode of doing the work. Inferentially we have it that if a grant were made they would begin at the western end at the same time they began construction at the eastern end, though it could be built cheaper by commencing at the east and continuing section by section until they reached the Pacific coast. That is a statement made by this gentleman who occupies the very prominent position of vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It is well that the country should know, giving as largely as they do in aid of this road, what is the real intention of the company. I think the house will disagree with my hon. friend when he says that the government has no interest in the manner in which this road should be constructed—whether it should begin at the east and west simultaneously, or begin in the east and go westerly.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—I did not say that.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—It is the duty of the government, in the face of this declaration, if their attention was ever called to it, the fact of its being published in the Times, which I understand is the government organ.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—Not a government organ.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—It speaks on behalf of the government.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—That is right.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—And it enunciates the views of the government, whatever they may be. We presume the Times would know what those views are; and when the Times did not contain any reference to them, the presumption is that the hon. gentleman opposite would be able, if not to dictate, at least to intimate to them what course they should pursue. It is evident, from what is taking place, that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company intends to hold up that province in the manner intimated by the hon. gentleman who has brought this question before the House. And it does seem to me that in the interests of his own province, he, as a member of the government, should take action through the railway department to ascertain whether Mr. Morse spoke authoritatively or whether he alone is responsible for his utterances. I think the interests of the country, of his province, and of himself, demands some action of that kind.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—I have heard to-day for the first time the rumor that my hon. friend says was current around the corridors of this House, that I dropped the motion to amend the bill, which I placed on the order paper, because Mr. Hays came to me.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—Not that he came to the hon. gentleman.

Hon. Mr. Templeman—That he had represented to me, directly or indirectly, that if that motion was carried it would be impossible for his company to go to the province of British Columbia and practically compel that government to give them a large land grant to enable them to begin construction on the Pacific coast. I beg to tell my hon. friend that it is inaccurate in every particular. No person, neither Mr. Hays or any one representing the Grand Trunk Company, ever made such a suggestion to me. It was represented to me by the law department of the government that the amendment which I placed on the order paper, and which remained there for a considerable time infringed upon the terms of the original contract entered into between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, or at least that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company would claim it infringed upon the terms entered into between them and the government, and that the management of the Grand Trunk railway would be compelled to obtain from their directors in London a consent to the change that I proposed to make. It was not deemed wise to imperil the bill, or postpone its passage through this House, and I considered that if I obtained from the manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company a letter reading as the letter reads which I have submitted to the House, that I was obtaining all the promises necessary to bind that company to commence construction, when their surveys permitted, on the Pacific coast. I am bound to say that it is satisfactory to me, and I believe it is satisfactory to every person in British Columbia who is not a party politician, or who is not trying to give away the lands of that province to railway companies. My hon. friend must remember that under the terms of the agreement with this railway company, the line has to be completed in seven years. I should like to know how any railway company which is required to complete a line across the continent, or at all events, from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, in seven years, can go to the province of British Columbia and compel them to give one dollar or one acre of land to insure that construction work shall begin in the province. It is not in the interests of the province that they should make any grant of the kind. They will reap all the benefits of the construction at all events within a few years, and that is all the one province is looking for. I think if it had not been for a few ardent politicians in the province of British Columbia suggesting to the Grand Trunk Pacific that they were open to give away some of their lands, if that company would only send out an agent to the city of Victoria and open negotiations, we would have heard nothing whatever about these alleged communications between Mr. McBride and the company.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$75 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for bituminous. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Terms of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may lease a claim 1,000x1,000 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles of distance. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate a mining claim in iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2% per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining—Manitoba and the N. W. T. Excepting the Yukon Territory, placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench claims, extending 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims must be at least 200 feet square.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory—A free miner may obtain a lease of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have received mining entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dredge to the water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory—Six miles each for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the bed of the river in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, or bench claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, and shall be bounded by two 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days. If the claim is within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office, one extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two or more persons, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claim only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller of Customs.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch. Three times the value of the claim shall be paid, the balance of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by survey, map, or otherwise, and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may, by order, grant a lease of company having machinery on the land to be prospecting an area of 1,200 acres for a period of five years, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, he shall be entitled to 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$3 an acre, subject to royalty at the rate of 10% as may be certified by Order in Council.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
Dept. Interior.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901," notice is hereby given that William Jones, of 100 Pandora street, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, carrying on business as an auctioneer in said City, did, on the 28th day of March, 1905, assign to the undersigned, Charles Cecil Pemberton, barrister-at-law, of No. 22 Victoria Crescent, of said City, all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution for the benefit of his creditors.

And further take notice that a meeting of the creditors of the said William Jones will be held at the office of Messrs. Robertson & Robertson, solicitors for the said Charles Cecil Pemberton, at No. 32 Langley street, Victoria aforesaid, on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1905, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving directions with reference to the disposal of the estate.

And further take notice that all creditors having claims against the said William Jones are required to forward particulars of the same, duly verified, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, to the said assignee on or before the 12th day of May, 1905, after which date the assignee will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and all persons indebted to the said William Jones are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said assignee forthwith.

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LOCAL NEWS

A third candidate has appeared in the field for school trustee to fill the position recently vacated by Dr. Bolton. The latest aspirant for honors is H. H. Jones.

The charms of Victoria as a residential city have resulted in H. J. Brooks deciding to locate here, and he has purchased the home of Mrs. Woods on Oak Bay avenue, with two acres of grounds, where he will in future reside. The sale was effected by Messrs. Grant & Co.

The parade committee of the Victoria Day celebration has received a notice from Secretary Kito, of the S. P. C. A., in which that society offers a cup as a prize in connection with the parade. This will be given in addition to all other prizes, and is offered for the best horse or pair of horses with the most humane harness. Overdraw checks are barred from this competition.

CHESS MATCH DELAYED.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—The beginning of the international chess match between American and British teams by cable, one in Brooklyn and the other in London, was postponed to-day by the announcement by the cable company that "An accident has happened to our cables, and we will not be able to undertake a chess service to-day."

MORGAN INDIGNANT.

Receives Action of Magistrate, Who Sought Information Regarding Famous Cope.

Rome, April 14.—Before J. Pierpont Morgan, who arrived here yesterday from Naples, left Taormina, Sicily, an examining magistrate from Taormina boarded his yacht the Corsair to take Mr. Morgan's testimony concerning the person who sold him the famous cope, stolen from the cathedral of Ascoli, and subsequently returned to Ascoli by Mr. Morgan. The latter was indignant at being troubled about the matter after having returned the cope without even asking for the reimbursement of the money he had paid for it. He said he did not remember anything connected with the purchase of the cope, but when asked to sign a statement to that effect refused, saying he would not sign anything in a language he did not understand. The government has been informed of the incident, and is most displeased at its occurrence.

LINER DELAYED.

Dover, Eng., April 14.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Pretoria, which arrived here to-day from New York, April 1st, and proceeded, was delayed by heavy weather. During one day of her voyage, the Pretoria only travelled 130 miles.

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Mount Royal Clears for the Skeena—Tugs Employed in Connection With Trap Construction.

Early this morning the local office of the C. P. R. Company was apprised by wire of the safe arrival of the Allan liner *Virginian* at Halifax at 10:30 o'clock, 8 days, 22 hours and 45 minutes from Liverpool. The voyage is the fastest ever made across the Atlantic to Halifax, and marks an era in the introduction of the turbine steamers that will stand out in history as one of the most remarkable in shipping annals. This was the *Virginian's* maiden trip across the Atlantic. It has been looked forward to by those interested in turbines the world over, for, while these vessels have long since been demonstrated a success, their newness and the many improvements which have from time to time been made on them make owners timid about adopting them. One reason for this is the special construction in the hull, which the turbines call for, and the great cost that would be involved if in case of dissatisfaction the machinery should have to be changed. But the turbines seem destined now to completely supplant all other class of engines. The experimental stage is about over, and it will not be long before a turbine makes her appearance in the Pacific, there being two building in the Old Country for use on the Canadian-Australian line.

The *Virginian* is a sister ship to the *Victorian*, which was recently completed for the transatlantic business.

FIRST ALMOST COMPLETE.

Tug Muriel came in yesterday from Sooke, where she has been employed for some time in connection with the erection of a new trap for the B. C. Packers' Association. This trap is almost finished. It is situated just this side of Otter Point. Tug Hope, which has been down the Straits on similar business, also came in yesterday, she having been down to Point-à-Point, a little to the east of the Jordan river, where some location piles have been driven preparatory to the building of another new trap. These traps, however, are not the only ones under construction or projected, as several others have been started in different places along the Island shore.

SAVAGES TO BE PUNISHED.

With reference to the killing of eight members of the crew of the American ship Benjamin Sewall by Botli Tobago savages in Formosa, the story of which appeared in these columns nearly a year ago, a dispatch from Washington says: "When the Japanese government's attention was called to the incident it at once replied that the government of Formosa would efficiently and strictly ensure the savages, and warn them not to repeat such cruelties again in future."

"Mr. Loomis, the secretary of state,

promptly directed the American minister at Tokio to say to the Japanese government: 'Something more impressive than censure may suggest itself to the mind of that government.' The Japanese government accordingly initiated punitive measures, but found great difficulty in executing them intelligently, because they could not make the natives understand for what they were being punished. The American government then suggested that several of the native chiefs known to have been implicated in the incident be held until some of the officials could master the Formosan dialect and make them understand why they were being punished."

FROM NORTHERN COAST.

Shortly after 12 o'clock last night the steamer *Princess Beatrice* came in from northern British Columbia ports. She had been to Queen Charlotte Islands, Bella Coola and Surf Inlet, all being special calls, and for this reason she was longer away than she is likely to be for some time again. The weather north-bound was rough, snow storms being encountered. As showing the direction of travel, it might be stated that while 92 passengers went north on the ship there were but 22 on the return voyage. A number of the latter landed at Vancouver. Among the passengers was an Englishman, named Coates, who has been to Queen Charlotte Islands looking over the northern part of that country with a view to going into the stock raising business. He has already placed thirty or forty head on the islands, and it is understood intends going into the business quite extensively, there being excellent grazing lands on the northern part of the islands well suited, it is said, for the carrying on of the industry. Other arrivals were Mr. Dempster, of the Skidegate Oil Works, and a couple of local travellers.

STERNWHEELER GOES NORTH.

After wintering on the stocks of one of the local shipyards, the Hudson's Bay steamer *Mount Royal* leaves to-day to spend another season on the Skeena and Stikine. On those rivers she will enjoy a monopoly of the business, as the *Hazelton*, which ran in opposition last year, will remain off the route, according to an agreement entered into between the owners of both craft. Capt. Johnson will leave in command of the *Mount Royal*, Pat. Hickey as chief engineer, and Mr. Lockey as purser.

EXCURSION TICKETS.

The White Pass & Yukon route and the C. P. R. have arranged special excursion rates to Atlin and Yukon points, which will become effective on June 10th and expire on August 15th. There are special rates for parties of not less than 15 persons, and also individual rates, the latter being slightly higher than the party fare, especially in cases where tickets are not limited to thirty days from time of departure.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Gus Palmer, formerly mate on the tug *Czar*, has become master of the tug *Escort* No. 2, owned by MacKenzie Bros. of Vancouver. The *Escort* is the tug which a few weeks ago lost the barge *Georgian* off Hornby Island during a stiff gale.

The ship *Senator* arrived in the Royal Roads yesterday, 24 days out from Honolulu. She comes here seeking.

Steamer *Plingal* came in yesterday with a load of hay for Scott & Peden.

The steamer *Venture* was launched yesterday from the ways of the Victoria

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TO-MORROW'S PAPER.

The Den Will Be of Special Interest to Book Worms—Other Features.

Scarcely a day passes that some one does not call at the Times office and indulge in congratulatory comments on the Times's Saturday column "The Den." A well-known journalist on another newspaper the other day declared it to be the "cleverest work being done for any newspaper in Canada to-day." The Times has realized this for some time, but it is gratifying to have the opinion from those whose views are not so liable to be biased.

The parody on Gray's *Elegy* in last Saturday's Times was a masterpiece in its satirical treatment of contemporary politicians. To-morrow's "Den" will be of special interest to book worms. The *Denizen* lapses into philosophy once more, and his poem "Love Is But a Looking Glass" is one of the daintiest bits of verse yet from his pen.

To-morrow's issue will also contain a liberally illustrated article on "Whaling: A New Industry on Vancouver Island." It will describe in detail the proposed work of the Orion on the West Coast.

The Sunday school lesson and Young People's Topics are treated by W. T. Ellis, formerly of the Sunday School Times in his usual lucid style, and there is a liberal lot of riddles and necessary stories in the Children's Corner.

THE STEAMER TACOMA.

Chief Engineer Tells of the Voyage From Seattle.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, April 14.—In a letter written to a friend in this city, Otto Daniels, chief engineer of the Northwestern Steamship Company's steamer *Tacoma*, which was captured by Japanese cruisers while attempting to run the blockade to Vladivostok, dispels the mystery which has surrounded the history of that craft since leaving this port on January 6th. Daniels states that the officers of the steamer knew that they were bound for the Siberian port, and that their cargo was contraband. He says that the officers were only prevailed upon to make the voyage by the promise of the Russian agent aboard the steamer. They did not know their destination until the steamer reached Dutch Harbor. As soon as they found it out they threatened to desert the ship, and a mutiny was only averted by the diplomacy of the Russian agent, who promised them a full fortune if the attempt was successful.

The writer states that while the *Tacoma* was fast in the ice and drifting about, the crew were forced to burn parts of the steamer's upper structure to keep warm, and were obliged to subsist for a part of the time on beef intestines for the Russians.

Daniels says that after being captured the entire crew were treated with the utmost kindness by the Japanese, who were in possession of the name and position of every member, almost from the moment of the steamer's leaving this port.

GERMANY'S POLICY.

Insists on Sultan's Sovereignty and the Independence of Morocco.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, April 14.—Count Von Tatten Bach Ashdoff, who has been appointed temporary charge d'affaires of Germany in Morocco, pending the arrival of the German minister of the Loka Anzeiger at Fez, where the count is arranging for a special German-Moroccan treaty, a declaration of Germany's policy towards Morocco.

"It is not only Germany's right," the count says, "but also immediate and undeniable duty to protect and develop Moroccan interests. Whilst she energetically demands from the powers' signatories at the conference held at Madrid in 1880 a frank recognition of the open door policy, Germany insists on the preservation of the Sultan's sovereignty and the independence of Morocco, especially because both are mentioned vaguely in the Franco-British agreement, and therefore permits legitimate doubt on this subject. Germany's programme of action stands on a sound and irrefragable footing, is fortunately generally supported by public opinion in Germany, and has the sympathy of the whole Spanish population, including the Liberal party, and the approval of all the unprejudiced powers. Therefore Germany may confidently carry out her plans and can fearlessly face the consequences, whatever they may be. The watchword of Germany is 'Dauntlessly forward!'"

ARBITRATION TREATIES.

The Hague, April 14.—The second chamber of the States-General to-day approved the arbitration treaties between the Netherlands and Denmark, France and Great Britain.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The correspondent at Tangier of the London Daily Telegraph reports that the Sultan of Morocco has definitely rejected the French reform demands, declaring that they must be referred to the signatories of the Madrid convention.

The Japanese naval prize court at Saebao has rejected the appeal of the British steamer *Onkley*, which was captured on January 18th in the Su Straits while en route to Vladivostok with a cargo of Cardiff coal.

The peasant agitation is reported to be spreading quickly and widely through the Caucasus, and the disturbances are forcing all peasants to participate in the pillaging and destruction of schools and public buildings by threats of bodily injury. The troops have been sent to quell the disorders.

Premier Bond in the Newfoundland legislature Thursday added to the bill excluding American fishermen from colonial waters the new clause providing for the suspension of the operation of the measure at the discretion of the government. In doing so he declared he had reason to believe that before the next session of the colonial legislature is convened the United States Senate will have acted upon the Bond-Hay treaty, in which event it was desirable that the colonial cabinet should be in possession of power to more promptly for the suspension of the measure.

FORMER QUEEN IN POVERTY.

Exiled Monarch of Madagascar Suffers on \$6,000 a Year.

The captive Queen Ranaivalo of Madagascar, who is compelled to reside in a small villa in Algiers and to live on a state allowance of \$6,000 a year, has made a pathetic plea for more generous treatment. She tells an affecting story of want and poverty. Most of the money goes to maintain a niece and an aged aunt and servants, who are faithful companions, but the former Queen has been unable to pay her sundry bills recently, and has not had a new dress in two years.

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Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on an hotel and general store business at Clayquod, Ahousnit and Nootka, under the name and style of Stockham & Dawley, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 11th day of April, 1905. All book debts and other accounts are payable to Mr. W. T. Dawley, who will hereafter carry on the business in his own name.

Any person having any accounts against the late firm are requested to forward them to W. T. Dawley, who is authorized to pay the same.

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RICH WITH DIAMONDS.

Dr. Ami Thinks Portion of Canada Will Be Another Kimberley.

"There is likely to be another Kimberley north of the Great Lakes," said Dr. Ami, of the Geological Survey, to the Ottawa Free Press. Dr. Ami is convinced that diamond wealth lies hidden in Canada somewhere between the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay. "All surveying parties and explorers in the northern part of Ontario should be on the lookout for everything that will show where diamonds are to be found in 'place'."

Dr. Ami has returned from a trip to the United States. "While in New York," said he, "I consulted Prof. G. F. Kunz, a gem expert on the United States Geological Survey. Prof. Kunz is enthusiastic about the prospects of diamonds existing in Canada. He informed me that in addition to the eight specimens of diamonds found in the states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan, and described by Professor Hobbs, of the University of Wisconsin, two more specimens have been found lately. The finding of these two specimens in drift intensifies the interest in the matter and goes to show further that diamonds are

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SILBERNAGEL-LANE—At Vancouver, on April 12th, by Rev. W. E. Prescott, Dr. Emil Silbernagel and Miss Sara B. Lane.

ist in places in Canadian territory north of those states."

Prof. Kunz has asked Dr. Ami to furnish him with information respecting the geology of Canada to the north of the states where diamonds have been found. Dr. Ami, who is recognized as an authority in these matters, is besieged with inquiries from various sources about the Canadian diamond field.

Dr. Ami explained that ages ago, when the glacial period existed, the ice moved southward across what is now the boundary between Canada and the United States. The fact that diamonds have been found in drift below the boundary with minerals that usually accompany diamonds, assures scientists that somewhere to the north is the diamond rock. The huge glaciers of that period extended southward in fan-like shape. Consequently diamonds in Canada will be found nearer together.

Dr. Ami believes that diamonds exist somewhere near the route of the Transcontinental railway.

"We have in Canada," said Dr. Ami, "the best mantle of drift which forms one of the most valuable geological assets of the North American continent. The diamonds found so far, which evidently are of Canadian origin and source, are green, yellow and black, and some are clear and transparent."

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